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LONDON, SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1861.

LITERATURE

Life of the Right Hon. William Pitt. By Earl Stanhope. Vols. I. and II. (Murray.) Among works of the biographical class, those

AMONG WORKS Of the biographical class, those devoted to English statesmen are, as a rule, singularly imperfect. We have had, as yet, no Plutarch for our politicians, and, if we had, might be justified in wanting something better. There is no book about Somers worthy of him. There is no book about Solders worthy or had.

The Life of Chatham has yet to be competently written. Lord John Russell has only compiled written. Lord John Russell has only compiled materials for that of Charles James Fox. The little that Bishop Tomline did for William Pitt was done badly. Edmund Burke has not been so unfortunate; but both the elder and the latter-day race of our great parliamentarians have only been fragmentarily portrayed by history. Lord Stanhope, whose lineage mingles with that of the Pitt family, has resolved to attempt, upon an ample scale, with a rich series of personal illustrations from correspondence and diaries, the narrative of William Pitt's career. Pitt left his papers, in the first instance, to his early tutor and friend, Bishop Tomline, from whose hands they were transferred to those of the last Lord Chatham. Thence they descended to Mr. William Stanthence they descended to like the hope Taylor, Pitt's grand-nephew, and from him to another grand-nephew, Col. John Pringle, who confided them to Lord Stanhope. But, unfortunately, this mass of Pittite archives has not come down to our days unmutilated. Nearly all the letters addressed to the statesman by his own close relatives were destroyed by the Bishop of Lincoln; among those which remain there is not one from his mother, to whom he wrote more frequently than to most persons; from either of his sisters, or from any of his brothers, until a date when the eldest had become his colleague in the administration. Those of the Bishop himself, and of many other intimates, have also disappeared. But, as we have said, Pitt addressed a constant series of letters to his mother, and some of a very confidential nature to his brother, Lord Chatham, many of which not hitherto published are inserted in Lord Stanhope's narrative. It is a notable fact that although the communications of George the Third to Pitt, a variety of which Lord Stanhope prints, have been carefully preserved, scarcely any of Pitt's draft notes for the perusal of the King remain.

Lord Stanhope, however, was enabled to go beyond these limits for his original sources. He

made use of the interesting Rutland Correspondence and the documents at Melville Castle, with fragments possessed by the Duke of Bedford, Lord St. Germans and Mr. Dundas, of Arniston, and these combined with the Malmesbury, Buckingham and Cornwallis Papers, added to the biographies of Sidmouth and Wilberforce, have contributed to the substance of a work which, if not moulded to an artistic form, is, unquestionably, the first that can claim to be regarded as a Life of William Pitt. It is, as all Lord Stanhope writes must be, elegant, flexible, and attractive in style; permeated by flexible, and attractive in style; permeated by a chivalrous pride of blood, sprung from the blended currents of a distinguished ancestry, and in purpose thoroughly impartial: in result, perhaps, this impartiality is not so absolutely demonstrated. The gathered memorials of our great English statesman's life have been linked together by a reverential hand. Lord Stanhope, however, has in him too much of the pure however, has in him too much of the pure critical spirit, and too sensitive an appreciation of his responsibility, to disfigure with artificial lights and shadows the historical picture he

has undertaken to draw. He is an admirer—he may be a disciple—but his handling of the new materials is essentially that of a biographer who puts into his book a living conscience. We have not vet reached his summing-up of Pitt's qualities as man and minister. We may predict with general accuracy what it will be. We must allow that the letters here published, and the anecdotes authenticated, exhibit Pitt in a very favourable light; but the portrait can never be made fascinating. It is difficult to say why Pitt was a better man than Fox. Pitt was not so formal or so pompous, after all, as Burke: and vet. Pitt's is not a name upon which the imagination lingers, except to think of the oratory that flames about it, the vast parliamentary battles, the coalitions, the wars, the subsidies, the lavishly-purchased glory—or one among the hundred synonyms that might stand for glory—of England, the gallant, the generous, and the unwise.

We might have been sure that Lord Stanhope would linger over the boyhood of a statesman who in his twenty-fourth year was First Lord of the Treasury. He recalls the signs and wonders which, a century ago, marked the year of his birth. Minden and Quebec, Goree and Guadaloupe, Delhi and the Dutch, Quiberon, Lagos, and William Pitt, all belonged to 1759. "I want to speak in the House of Commons, like Papa,"—"That little boy will be a thorn in the side of Charles Fox so long as he lives,"

—"a wonderful boy of fourteen,"—all this is familiar, and very familiarly treated, too, by Lord Stanhope. So are the criticisms on Hayley —so is the five-act tragedy, which Lord Macaulay thought not worse than Hayley's own. There are pages of profitable reading about the young man's studies, especially in rhetoric; about his health: horse exercise, and precocious addiction, under medical authority, to port wine. But those who, like the Authors of 'The Rolliad. paint him as never bending from the callous dignity of political ambition, might fancy themselves justified by a letter written to his mother on the evening after his father's funeral. It is

hard, dry, worldly to the core:-"My dear Mother,—I cannot let the servants return without letting you know that the sad solemnity has been celebrated so as to answer every important wish we could form on the subject. The Court did not honour us with their countenance, nor did they suffer the procession to be as magnificent as it ought; but it had notwithstanding everything essential to the great object, the attendance being most respectable, and the crowd of interested spectators immense. The Duke of of interested spectators immense. The Duke of Gloucester was in the Abbey. Lord Rockingham, the Duke of Northumberland, and all the minority in town were present. The pall-bearers were Sir G. Savile, Mr. Townshend, Dunning, and Burke. The eight assistant mourners were Lord Abingdon, Lord Cholmondeley, Lord Harcourt, Lord Effing-ham, Lord Townshend, Lord Fortescue, Lord Shelburne, and Lord Camden. All our relations made their appearance. You will excuse my not sending you a more particular account, as I think of being at Hayes to-morrow morning. I will not tell you what I felt on this occasion, to which no words are equal; but I know that you will have a satisfaction in hearing that Lord Mahon as well as myself supported the trial perfectly well, and have

every one remembers, his first candidature was unsuccessful. It remained for serene and illustrious Appleby—a niche scooped out in the walls of the constitution—to induct Mr. William Pitt into Parliament. To judge from his letters. his motherseems at that period to have hungered and thirsted after all the news of town, whether about the Spanish Rescript, the Yorkshire peti-tion, or the chances of the Cabinet. Her son was assiduous in his reports, and supplied her with the figures on the division-lists. He is

which the figures on the division-lists. He is not yet a Member, in March, 1780:—

"Lincoln's Inn, March 14, 1780.

"My Parliamentary engagements still continue, and have now afforded me a scene which I never saw before, a majority against a Minister. I was in the gallery till near three this morning, when this great phenomenon took place. The debate this great phenomenon took place. Ine usuate was the most interesting imaginable, and not the less so from Sir Fletcher Norton's unexpected and violent declarations against Lord North. What the consequence will be cannot be guessed, but I have no ideas of Ministry being able to stand. There are rumours of Parliament being to be dissolved soon after Easter, which oblige me to work double tides in the business of canvassing. My prospect, though not more certain, is as favourable as ever. Harriot will, I know, have sent Burke's speech, which I think will entertain you both with real beauties and ridiculous affectations. I have heard two less studied harangues from him since in reply, that please me much more than this does now that it is upon paper."

He was called to the bar in the following June; and scattered through Lord Stanhope's first volume are interesting notices of his forensic practice, limited, yet not unsuccessful. He was impatient for his gown and wig to come home; but after the Appleby triumph, they ceased to exhilarate him. There was he, face to face with the Revolution families,-with the gentry who, Horace Walpole said, could never see beyond the walls of Burlington House,with Fox, ten years his senior,—with Burke, already a great and venerable name,—with Sheridan, with Dunning, and Barré. With Wilberforce, too, who was to take a path so different from his own. Member of the Commons, he was next member of Goostree's Club. The first Pitt speech was delivered February 26, 1781:-

No sooner had Pitt concluded than Fox with generous warmth hurried up to wish him joy of his success. As they were still together, an old member, said to have been General Grant, passed member, said to have been General Grant, passed by them and said, 'Aye, Mr. Fox, you are praising young Pitt for his speech. You may well do so; for, excepting yourself, there is no man in the House can make such another; and, old as I am, I expect and hope to hear you both battling it within these walls as I have heard your fathers before you.' Mr. Fox, disconcerted at the awkward turn of the compliment, was silent and looked foolish; but young Pitt, with great delicacy and readiness, answered, 'I have no doubt, General, you would like to attain the age of Methuselah!'"

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The anecdote has been told in different We cite it because Lord Stanhope adds that he gives it in the "very words" of Fox's nephew, Lord Holland. But we must quote what Pitt wrote about the speech to his mother:

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has been so diversely related that an authentic reminiscence from a family paper has its bio-

graphical value:-

Lord George Germaine had taken occasion two days before to declare that, be the consequences what they might, he would never consent to sign the independence of the colonies. Lord North, on the contrary had shown strong symptoms of yield-Pitt was inveighing with much force against these discordant counsels at so perilous a juncture, when the two ministers whom he arraigned drew close and began to whisper, while Mr. Welbore Ellis, a grey-haired placeman, of diminutive size, the butt of Junius, under the by-name of Grildrig, bent down his tiny head between them. Here Pitt paused in his argument, and glancing at the group exclaimed, 'I will wait until the unanimity is a little better restored. I will wait until the Nestor of the Treasury has reconciled the difference between the Agamemnon and the Achilles of the American war

As a young man—not yet twenty-three— Lord Stanhope allows that Pitt was fully conscious of his own talents and not averse from boasting of them, though with a dignity that might have become Cicero. Cabinets of seven were rather in fashion, and one of the seven Pitt declared he would be, or nothing. He was right, because he esteemed himself not more highly than he was esteemed by the public, and his egotism was, therefore, not an affront to his contemporaries. And it is a fact which ought not to be overlooked, that William Pitt, in 1782, moved a resolution in favour of Parliamentary Reform, and obtained a larger number of votes than the Reformers ever recorded again until the year 1831. Something was due, then, to the influence, whether of his name or of his In the same year he justified his vaunt and became Chancellor of the Exchequer. On July 10th, he writes to his mother

"Lord North will, I hope, in a very little while make room for me in Downing Street, which is the best summer town house possible."

So, for William Pitt, at all events, "the best summer town house possible" was an official residence in Downing Street. He was not the first or the last who thought so. Other people liked to be in Downing Street, too, if only as secretaries. His own secretary was Major Bellingham:-

"You will wonder at a secretary from the army; but as the office is a perfect sinecure, and has no duty but that of receiving about four hundred a

year, no profession is unfit for it.

The "Angry Boy" episode is referred to without any questionings on the part of Lord Stanhope, although it has been suggested that the repartee was an after-thought at a club or a coffee-house. The story of Pitt's refusal, in February, 1783, to undertake the formation of a Cabinet, is told, with little criticism, by the Correspondence. Pitt's reasons are briefly stated in a confidential letter to the Lord Advocate:-

"I see that the main and almost only ground of reliance would be this,—that Lord North and his friends would not continue in a combination to pose. In point of prudence, after all that has seed, and considering all that is to come, such a reliance is too precarious to act on. But above all, in point of honour to my own feelings, I cannot form an administration trusting to the hope that it will be supported, or even will not be opposed, by Lord North, whatever the influence may be that determines his conduct. The first moment I saw the subject in this point of view, from which I am sure I cannot vary, unalterably determined me to

The King pressed, but Pitt was immovable. Lord Stanhope is unmerciful to the Coalition, but he takes his stand on the admissions of dom, which the King would not create, except Lord Macaulay and Lord John Russell. Being for a prince of the blood, and being refused, independent, Pitt went to work as an econo-flung down the seals. So Pitt was First

mical reformer, astonishing Lord North by telling him that he had cost the country, in a single year, 1,300l. for stationery, one article in the bill being 340l. for packthread,-to all appearance a more costly material than the red tape of our own days.

Pitt was once on the Continent. Lord Stanhope collects the authenticated incidents of his

visit to Paris, and adds :-

"But, besides these well attested replies of Pitt in France, there is another resting on no good a mere silly rumour which has often been repeated. We are told that Monsieur and Madame Neckar, through the intervention of Horace Walpole, proposed to him their daughter in marriage, with a fortune of 14,000L a-year, and that Pitt answered,—'I am already married to my country.' Now in the first place Horace Walpole country.' Now in the first place Horace Walpole was not then, and had not been for many years at Secondly, it is most improbable that Monsieur and Madame Neckar, strongly imbued as they were with the Swiss ideas of domestic happiness, should have offered their child as the wife of a young foreigner after only a few days' acquaintance. And thirdly, the theatrical reply ascribed to Pitt is wholly at variance with his ever plain and manly, and sometimes sarcastic, style. I believe that he never had the opportunity of refusing Mademoiselle Neckar, but if he did I am sure that it was not in any such melo-dramatic phrase.

With reference to Pitt's formation of a Ministry, and his struggles to damage the Opposition before appealing to the country,

Lord Stanhope writes

"Lord Macaulay, in his excellent sketch of Mr. Pitt, has made the following statement:—'The general opinion (in December, 1783) was that there would be an immediate dissolution; but Pitt wisely determined to give the public feeling time to gather strength. On this point he differed from his kins-man Temple. The consequence was that Temple, who had been appointed one of the Secretaries of State, resigned his office forty-eight hours after he had accepted it.' Presuming on the cordial friendship which to my good fortune existed between Lord Macaulay and myself, I wrote to him upon this subject. While sending for his perusal an unpublished manuscript of Burke from another period, I expressed my doubts whether he had any good authority for the statement which I have here trancribed. With perfect frankness, Lord Macaulay replied as follows:-

aulay replied as follows:—

'Holly Lodge, Dec. 2, 1858.

'My Dear Stanhope,—I return Burke's paper.
It is interesting, and very characteristic. I am afraid that I can find no better authority for the account which I have given of Temple's resigna-tion than that of Wraxall, who tells the story very confidently and circumstantially, but whose unsupported testimony is of little value, even when he relates what he himself saw and heard, and of no value when he relates what passed in the secrecy of the Cabinet. After looking at Tomline's narrative and at the "Buckingham Papers," I am satisfied that I was wrong. Whenever Black reprints the article separately, as he proposes to do, the error shall be corrected.—Ever yours truly, 'MACAULAY.'

Several weeks later Lord Macaulay pointed out to me that the publication of the 'Cornwallis Papers,' which had since occurred, might tend in some degree to corroborate the statement of Wraxall. He referred to a letter dated March 3, 1784, in which Lord Cornwallis says, 'I do not believe Lord Temple and Mr. Pitt ever had any quarrel, and think that the former resigned because they would not dissolve the Parliament. however, be mistaken in this.'

In a letter, hitherto unpublished, from the King to Pitt, George the Third speaks of Lord Temple's "base conduct in 1784." The inference is inevitable. It is supported by Temple's complaint to Pitt, dated at Stowe, December 29, 1783. He had probably asked for a Duke-

Minister, and the only Commoner in the Cabinet. "I came up no back stairs," he said; and a new Parliament decided the question, as put by Johnson, "whether the nation should be ruled by the sceptre of George the Third, or the tongue of Fox." Perhaps the tongue might have been wiser, at more than one crisis, than the sceptre. Pitt went to Cambridge. An opposition divine preached a sermon from the text, "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?" However, his elec-tion turned aside the jest, and we find him profiting by his official position to soften the anxieties of his mother :-

"There is one thing I must most anxiously beg of you—not to entertain an idea of contracting any further in the present moment your own establishment, which is indeed too narrow to admit of lishment, which is indeed too narrow to admis or more economy. What Harriot said to me on this subject makes me press this request. I have the fullest persuasion that the thing will finally be put on a satisfactory footing, and I hope it may soon. But while we wait for this, which is a debt from the public, we have some of us what may in part serve in lieu of it. I assure you I shall be a rich man enough myself (while we continue in a state man enough myself (while we continue in a state which seems to have every prospect of permanence) to give me a right to beg you to be at ease with regard to any exceeding that may be incurred while the suspense continues. I hope you will be good enough to believe that whatever concerns your satisfaction, more immediately concerns my own than any articles that consume the salary of the Treasury. What I beg you to believe also, is that my means, though they will not reach at the extent of my wishes on this point, will without a moment's difficulty go some way to it. I am sure you will forgive the haste in which I write, and believe that I have not time to express half what I feel on the subject. But before I end, I must repeat how anxiously I beg you, if you will let me urge it for my own comfort, not to let the delay of this business give you any additional uneasiness and above all not to think of putting yourself to any fresh inconvenience or restraint. I will pledge myself for your finding ultimately no reason for it."

In the course of the same month, referring again to family financial embarrassments :-

"I trust in a little while our home Treasury will be punctual enough in its payments to leave no difficulty in making up, in some measure, the irregularity of other funds. The income of the Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer together will really furnish more than my expenses can require; and I hope I need not say the surplus will give me more satisfaction than all the rest, if it can contribute to diminish embarrassment where least of all any ought, I am sure, to subsist. In the mean time, as even our payments are in some arrear, I cannot in the instant answer for all I could wish. But let me beg you to have the goodness to name what sum is nece exigencies of the present moment, and I am sure of being able to supply it. I shall without any other steps have 600l. paid into Mr. Coutts's hands the day after to-morrow, and will immediately direct whatever part of it you will allow to be placed to your account. If anything more is necessary, pray let me know the extent of it. I have no doubt of finding means, if they are wanting, at present; though, for the reasons I have related, the facility may be greater a little while hence.

When at Putney, in the autumn, he regarded himself as a country gentleman. "Brighthelmstone" was a "far countree" to him; but he had not then very much to do, little except to hammer coronets on the anvil of royal patronage. It is to Pitt at this time that Gibbon alludes in an inedited letter to Lord Eliot, confided to Lord Stanhope by Lord St. Ger-

"Lausanne, Oct. 27, 1784.
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from your present connexions, that we see them with very different eyes; and, on this occasion, I very much distrust my own judgment. I am too far distant to have a perfect knowledge of the far distant to have a perfect knowledge of the revolution, and am too recently absent to judge of it without partiality. Yet let me soberly ask you on Whig principles, whether it be not a dangerous discovery that the King can keep his favourite Minister against a majority of the House of Commons? Here, indeed (for even here we are polimons? Here, indeed (for even here we are poli-ticians), the people were violent against Fox, but I think it was chiefly those who have imbibed in the French service a high reverence for the person and authority of Kings. They are likewise biassed by the splendour of young Pitt, and it is a fair and honourable prejudice. A youth of five-and twenty, who raises himself to the government of an empire by the power of genius and the reputa-tion of virtue, is a circumstance unparalleled in his. tion of virtue, is a circumstance unparalleled in history, and, in a general view, is not less glorious to the country than to himself."

That is a fragment well worth preserving. The only man in the kingdom who did not seem surprised at Pitt's wonderful advancement was Pitt himself. Fox, if we may so express it, stared at him without surprise. Lord Stanhope elaborately contrasts the genius of the two orators, and ends by placing them on a level. We scarcely think that he, or any one else, can be a judge of unrecorded eloquence.
Only the ashes of that eloquence are preserved, and we are asked to give the palm after hearing only the echo of the echo of music:—

"It is worthy of note, however, that carefully as Pitt had been trained by his illustrious father, their style of oratory and their direction of knowledge said, opposite. Chatham excelled in fiery bursts of eloquence—Pit in a luminous array of arguments. On no point was Pitt so strong as on finance on none was Chatham so weak."

Pitt, if we are right, was never laughed at in the House of Commons. Even his defence of the tax he had proposed upon maid-servants was not ridiculed. Relatively to his general ideas on finance and legislation, we find Lord

Stanhope remarking:—
"It cannot fail, I think, to strike the reader how many ideas of Mr. Pitt, which in his own day were dissuaded or opposed by others as dangerous, have since come to be adopted almost by universal assent as indispensable."

We follow, for the sake of one or two extracts, the preliminary series of the King's letters to Pitt. The first is dated "Queen's House, March 23, 1783, 8.50 A.M.:—

"Mr. Pitt is desired to come here in his morning dress as soon as convenient to him."

Two days afterwards, upon Pitt's determined

"Mr. Pitt, I am much hurt to find you are determined to decline at an hour when those who have any regard for the Constitution as established by law ought to stand forth against the most daring and unprincipled faction that the annals of this kingdom ever produced."

In January, 1784, early in the morning, "I own I cannot see any reason, if the thing is practicable, that a Dissolution should not be effected; if not, I fear the Constitution of this country cannot subsist."

Thenceforth Pitt navigated the smooth waters of Royal favour. In March, 1786, there is a curious letter written:—

"Considering Mr. Pitt has had the unpleasant office of providing for the expenses incurred by the last war, it is but just he should have the full merit he deserves of having the public know and feel that he has now proposed a measure that will render the nation again respectable, if she has the sense to remain quiet some years, and not by wanting to take a showy part in the transactions of Europe again become the dupe of other Powers, and from ideal greatness draw herself into lasting distress. The old English saying is applicable to our situa-

tion: 'England must cut her coat according to her

The events connected with the King's illness. the events connected with the King's illness, the Prince of Wales, the trial of Hastings, and the Regency question, are illustrated anew, to some extent, by Lord Stanhope's concentration of original letters, even to the reproduction of the legend that Pitt once called Lord Thurlow a rascal, and to the fact that the statesman, amid the eddy of affairs, found time to think of the youthful Ladies Stanhope, and to call them his mother's "sweet little companions." The 'Rolliad' writers declared that he never used simple language, and asked for muffins at tea as though he were craving an adjournment of the House; but the new letters effectually abolish that idea. He could be far more homely and genial in his gossip than Burke, who once admitted that during a debate "the right honourable gentleman had dulcified him." The King was infatuated with his minister, and offered him the Garter:—

"But it was respectfully declined by the Minister—the only instance, so far as I know, since the Revolution, besides that of Sir Robert Peel, in which a Commoner has been offered and has refused this prize; and a striking contrast to the solicited by many great Peers. Pitt, however, obtained the Royal permission to bestow it on his brother, Lord Chatham."

We do not propose to draw upon the second volume of Lord Stanhope's work for more than a passage or two, specially characteristic of its value as a contribution to the biographical library. There are some remarks, with an

library. There are some remarks, with an anecdote, referring to the year 1791:—
"Lady Chatham, though at that time in retirement and old age, was indeed, as Lord Macaulay says, 'a woman of considerable abilities.' She had been the main stay of her husband in sickness and sorrow. She had assisted in unfolding the early promise of her son. I once asked Sir Robert Peel whether he could remember any other instance in modern history where a woman had almost equal modern history where a woman had almost equal reason to be proud in two relations of life—of her son and of her husband. When next I saw Sir Robert, he told me that he had thought over the question with care, and could produce no other instance quite in point since the days of Philip of Macedon. The nearest approach to it, he said, would be that of Mr. Pitt's own rival; since Mr. Fox would well sustain one half of the parallel, but Fox would well sustain one half of the parallel, but the first Lord Holland, although a man of great abilities, was wholly unequal to the first Lord Chatham. Perhaps I may presume to add an anecdote which I derived at nearly the same time from Lady Chatham's last surviving grand-daughter, my aunt, Lady Griselda Tekell. Here is the inquiry which I addressed to her:—

'Crosvenor Place, Feb. 1, 1850.

'...... I have a favour to ask of you. My father once mentioned to me a little anecdote of much

once mentioned to me a little anecdote of much interest which he had heard from you at a former time, to the effect of Lady Chatham being asked whether she thought her husband or her son the greater statesman, and of her having answeredcertainly with excellent taste and judgment as a wife, however the comparison might be held by others—that there could be no doubt at all as to others—that there could be no doubt as an as to Lord Chatham being far the superior. Might I request of you to put down on paper exactly what you remember of this story, and to let me have it? I think that a trait so curious and so creditable to the person concerned ought to be preserved in the most authentic shape.'

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—Lady Griselda answered me as follows:—

'Frimley Park, Feb. 8, 1850.

'..... With respect to the question you put to me concerning what my grandmother, Lady Chatham, said of the ability of her husband, I did not consider said of the solinty of her husband, I did not consider it as relating to his character as a statesman, but to his general talents. When I was about fifteen I was on a visit to Burton Pynsent, and one day asked her in rather a childish manner, "Which do you think the cleverest, Grandpapa or Mr. Pitt?"

To which her answer was, "Your Grandpapa, with-

outdoubt,"or some equivalent expression. Her own understanding was so superior, her judgment on this point carries great weight."

This volume is occupied chiefly with the

foreign affairs of the period. The spirit of Lord Stanhope's narrative, when it bears on the disaffection and tumult at home, is necessarily apologetic. Let us pass to other topics,—to a Pitt budget in 1796. The Minister failed to We get then a glimpse of parliamentary humours in the last century:—
"The other points of his Budget—as an increase of the duties on tobacco, and on horses kent for

"The other points of his Budget—as an increase of the duties on tobacco, and on horses kept for pleasure, and a regulation of the duties on sugar and salt—appear to have passed with little difficulty. But the House of Commons was amused by an unexpected coadjutor to the Minister in the cause of taxation. This was one of their Members, John Dent by name. He availed himself of a petition which came from Leicestershire complaining of the great number of dogs kept in kennels for the recreation of the rich. On this foundation Mr. Dent proposed a duty of half-acrown on every dog kept either by rich or poor, excepting only those dogs which served as guides to the blind. Pitt, well pleased to see his Exchequer supplied, declared that he saw nothing improper in laying some tax on the keeping of dogs, provided a distinction were drawn between the opulent and the indigent classes. Thus the proposal of Mr. Dent became the ground-work of a measure which was carried in a subsequent Session. But at the time the principal result was ridicule. Mr. Dent—ever afterwards surnamed 'Dog Dent'—appears to have argued against the entire canine race with most extraordinary assion. We are teld in the of the duties on tobacco, and on horses kept for to have argued against the entire canine race with to have argued against the entire canine race with most extraordinary passion. We are told in the reports of his speech, that he 'proceeded to state, from documents in his possession, the ravages which were committed by dogs—the quantity of provisions consumed by them—and the increase of hydrophobia.' 'We might have imagined,' cried Mr. Windham, 'that Actæon had revived!' If such were the jests even of the Ministers to whom Mr. Dent caye his general support; it may be imagined. Dent gave his general support, it may be imagined how much keener were the shafts of Opposition. 'I know not,' said Sheridan, 'whether the Hon. Mover is stimulated upon Pythagorean principles to pursue at present those resentments or antipa-thies which he may have conceived in a former state of existence against a race of animals so long distinguished as the friends of men......But will not the charge of ingratitude lie against us for such a decree of massacre against these useful animals at the very time when we acknowledge them as allies of the Combined Powers, and when their brethren form part of that army in Jamaica which is fighting successfully against the Maroons, and is fighting successfully against the Maroons, and supporting the cause of social order, humanity, and religion? In the same strain did Mr. Courtenay follow. He derided the alarms expressed by Mr. Dent at the increase of hydrophobia. 'To alleviate that horror,' said he, 'I beg leave to suggest the great advantages which sometimes result from a state of insanity. The late Lord Chester-field laid it down as a maxim that the only possible process by which a Dutchman could become a wit was by being bit by a mad dog; and so ambitious was a late Burgomaster at Amsterdam of being distinguished by this shining accomplishment, that he had submitted to the operation. Here, then, is encouragement for the Hon. gentleman!"

The narrative breaks off for the present in

December, 1796, the year signalized by the death of Catherine of Russia. It is unnecessary to be peak for it the attention of those who read English history,—for Lord Stanhope has been at work in a productive mine, and we have exhibited some specimens of the materials

he has brought to the surface.

The Divine Comedy—[La Divina Commedia di Dante Alighieri; col Comento di Pietro Fraticelli. Nuova Edizione, con Giunte e

students of Dante. He has published three editions of the 'Divina Commedia,' and two of Dante's Minor Works. The first edition of the latter appeared between 1834 and 1840. The second edition, in 3 vols. small 8vo., in 1856 and 1857. In 1837, he published an edition of the 'Divina Commedia' with the Commentary of Pompeo Venturi, containing certain additions of his own, and notes of the learned Doctor Giovanni Lami. In 1852, he published the text of the 'Divina Commedia.' with a commentary made up from various sources, and bearing the stamp of his own responsibility. The second edition of this work has recently appeared with various additions and corrections, a Rimario and an Index of names. It is a bulky volume of nearly a thousand pages (990), with a portrait of Dante from that by Giotto in the Chapel of the Podestà at Florence, and three new designs to illustrate the 'Inferno,' 'Purgatory' and 'Paradise.' The volume is of the same form as the last edition of the Minor Works of the Poet, and is intended as a companion to them, thus completing the whole of Dante's writings. The author has had in view the requirements of the invenile rather than of the more advanced student, and has sought, he tells us, to avoid too much prolixity, and, at the same time, too great a brevity. But a thousand pages, nearly, of rather small and closely-printed matter. surely approaches nearer to prolixity than brevity, and shows that Pietro Fraticelli has used up the common property of commentators with a liberal regard to his readers. As he professes to have profited by the labours of all the chiosatori who have preceded him, without any other than a general acknowledgment of a few in the Preface, not caring to encumber his pages with names without end, we may regard this résumé of all that has been written on the subject, not only as the latest, but as the most comprehensive form in which the labours of centuries have been presented to the

But when we come to peruse these nameless notes to which the author has now set his own stamp, we do not find that he has rendered his predecessors the justice which he ought to have done: he has not studied them with that critical attention which it behoves a commentator to give, and we very much doubt if he has paid any attention at all to those earlier commentators, Boccaccio, Buti, Landino, Vellutello, Daniello and others, whose expositions often come nearer to the truth than the more modern refinements of recent expounders, at least as regards the meanings of words. Thus, in the twelfth canto of the 'Inferno,' where Dante is shown the shade of Guido de Montfort, who stabbed Prince Henry of England in a church at Viterbo, and whose heart,—

Lo cuor, che 'n sul Tamigi ancor si cola,was placed in Westminster Abbey (see Matthew of Westminster), Pietro Fraticelli, like nearly all modern commentators, tells his readers that it was placed on a column at the head of London Bridge. Landino, who was better informed, and could understand Dante's language, says "in sul Tamigi, that is, in London, through which the Thames flows,"-a mode of expression very usual with Dante, who often indicates cities by the names only of the rivers on which they stand. Another instance in which the old commentators were wiser than the moderns, at least generally, is shown by what is now commonly said of the "freddo animale" ('Purg.' ix. 6)—

Che con la coda percuote la gente, by which the Scorpion, and this sign only, is meant, as was understood by Landino, Vellutello, and Daniello who says of the scorpion,

for these we must turn to books on Natural History, by which we shall find, if our own experience does not suffice, that the scorpion prefers cool, moist, shady places for its habitat. and. like cold-blooded animals, its vital powers are partially paralyzed by the severity of the winter season. Pliny also will here help us (lib. xi. 30) in reference to striking with the tail:-"Semper cauda in ictu est: nulloque momento meditari cessat, ne quando desit occasioni." Pietro Fraticelli, following modern lights, says that the "freddo animale" here meant is "the fish, a cold-blooded animal, which strikes people with its tail, therein having the greatest force." Was there ever such nonsense? By making the "passi" of the night hours instead of watches of three hours at the equinox, commentators were compelled either to turn to the moon for their aurora, or to set up Pisces in place of Scorpio —some have preferred one practice, some the other—and now they squabble about the fishes, as if nothing else could save them. At the end of the 'Divina Commedia' there is a note in larger type than the rest, possibly to impress the reader with its superior importance, which sets chronology at defiance; it relates to the period of Dante's visionary voyage, and, we think, does violence to the Poet's conceptions, no less than to established facts. It is well known that Easter Sunday of 1300 was on the 10th of April, consequently Holy Thursday would have been the 7th of April. Fraticelli makes Dante fall into the Selva on the night of this day, but informs his readers that it was the 24th of March. Of the moon he takes no notice. Surely he cannot have seen or heard that modern astronomical science has here solved every difficulty, and shown that Dante was thoroughly acquainted with this part of his subject.—[See Athen. No. 1570.] The real full moon of 1300 was on the 6th of April, Wednesday. On the night of this day Dante found himself in the Selva, and towards the evening of the following day he entered on his perilous voyage. The first part of this occu-pied 19 hours 30 minutes, and a like portion of time was spent in getting from one hemi-sphere to the other. Purgatory took the best part of four days to get clear of it. But the flight through Heaven was very rapid; he appears to have reached the throne of God in twenty-four hours: thus making, with the hours passed in the Selva, a period of seven days. This has been extended to ten days by Signor Fraticelli: how he makes it out we should like to know. There is an immense amount of information contained in the notes to this bulky volume; but we do not think, upon the whole, that it is so creditable to his literary and critical reputation as the edition he has published of the Minor Works of the Poet.

The Letters and Works of Lady Mary Wortley
Montagu. By Lord Wharncliffe. Third
Edition, with Additions. Edited by W.
Moy Thomas. Vol. I. (Bohn.)

FOR more than a century the character of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu has been a subject of discussion,-a mystery which neither time nor literary research has been able satisfactorily to clear up. We can only explain this by the facts that, for a person of fortune and position, she lived, by choice, in comparative retirement -latterly and for twenty years abroad-and that, on her death, all her papers came into the possession of Lord Bute, who had married her only daughter, and who, though a distinguished and somewhat ostentatious patron of Litera-

"animale freddissimo di natur," though he dure and Science, thought it altogether dero-does not specify the why and the wherefore; gatory that his wife's mother should appear and take rank among a class which he looked and take rank among a class which he looked on as persons to be patronized. This feeling was more general in the eighteenth than in the nineteenth century. Lady Mary herself felt it little less strongly than her son-in-law; we are not aware that she ever published anything in her lifetime with her name. The famous "Tur-kish Letters" she certainly gave to Mr. Sowden to do what he pleased with; but that was forty years after they were written-after they had been long circulated in manuscript among her friends, and when she was more than seventy vears old. Lord Bute no sooner heard of this than he entered into a treaty with Sowden. and gave him 500l. for the manuscript. At that time, 1762-3, Lord Bute was "the best abused man in England." It was therefore of importance that he should—for a time at least mportance that he should—for a time at least—suppress the work. That the Letters were immediately published does not affect the question. They were published without the sanction, indeed in direct opposition to the wishes, of the family; whose object in the purchase had manifestly been to suppress—to suppress a work harmless in itself, which has stood the test of a century, is read to this hour with admiration, and has won for the writer a European reputation. Suppression, indeed, was the anxious wish of the Butes; even Lady Bute, who had a high respect for her mother, and a just appreciation of her abilities, not only suppressed but burned her manuscripts. Among Lady Mary's papers there was found a voluminous diary, begun on her marriage and continued almost to the day of her death. This was ever kept by Lady Bute under lock and key, and at last was committed to the flames, The apology for this—and we must believe for other like burnings, for the argument so far as it is of force has no limit—is plausible:—

"Though she always spoke of Lady Mary with great respect, yet it might be perceived that she knew it had been too much her custom to note down and enlarge upon all the scandalous rumours of the day, without weighing their truth or even their probability; to record as certain facts stories that perhaps sprang up like mushrooms from the dirt, and had as brief an existence, but tended to defame persons of the most spotless character. In this age, she said, everything got into print, sooner

This is to us unsatisfactory: the "getting into print" is not quite a matter of course; and if it did happen some century after the death of the parties, no great mischief would result. Memoirs, however scandalous, are never historically or biographically worthless. "Mushrooms," naturalists tell us, have been known to lift stones of a ton weight; and we may be assured that anecdotes-mushrooms though they may be-often influence as well as indicate human character. Few are so self-sustained as to be above public opinion. After all, should an anecdote turn out to be highcoloured, or absolutely false, a little editorial alkali in a note would neutralize the acid of the text.

If this principle of suppression and of burning be admitted, where is the line to be drawn? How are we to distinguish the anecdotes which may, from those which must not, be published? Are the great and the illustrious only to be considered fair game?—for what are one-half of our political ballads, rhymes, and epigrams but slanderous anecdotes which, so far from sup-pressing or burning, we seek for with avidity,

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Precursors of the Revolution of 1688,'-a work which is constantly referred to by Lord Macaulay: we have on our shelves probably five-and-twenty, or more, volumes of like "Reports" and "Lyes," relating to the birth of the son of James the Second. Who is the worse for their having been published or collected? Yet the fact of publication and circulation is of great historical importance as showing the credulity, or the belief, of the people; and they were probably as influential in passing the Bill of Settlement as all the eloquence of all the orators in both Houses of Parliament. One-half the political engineering from the first of William the Third to the last of George the Second was mere "Reports" and "Lyes," and we doubt not that the contributions of Swift, Arbuthnot, Pope, Burnet (father and son), Chesterfield, and others, would form a volume of great interest if it could be collected and authenticated, as it might have been but for suppressions and burnings. Lady Mary herself is believed to have been a contributor nerser is beneved to have been a contributor to these satires; and she certainly had a natural tendency that way; but she reaped nothing but suspicion and hatred; for as a woman she could not, and as a daughter of the Duke of Kingston she would not, enter the Duke of Mingston she would not, enter into the common arena, and fight with professed gladiators. She had, therefore, while living only to bear and forbear; and now that she is dead we learn that the best evidence in her dead we learn that the best evidence in her favour, which we, who have faith in her, believe would have been found in her diaries, has been burnt. These diaries, we are satisfied, would have enabled us to prove the falsehood would have enabled us to prove the falsehood of the slanders of Pope and the gossip of Horace Walpole. But the poor Lady had been while living so shamefully calumniated, with circumstantial falsehoods as to her moral character and conduct, that the Bute family feared discussion even though it should end in disproof. They had themselves been poor, and were become, by the death of Mr. Wortley, enormously rich; and they desired above all things peace and quiet. They had a true aristocratic horror of the public—they feared revelation lest they should not have foreseen all its possible consequences, as the country gen-tlemen of that age feared to let our county historians trace the descent of property by the aid of their title-deeds, lest some question as to title should thence arise,—though we never heard of any one of them whose fears led him to burn his title-deeds.

Giving all possible force to Lady Bute's objection, it is met, we repeat, by the fact that there was no necessity for publication—no reason why anybody, much less everybody, should be permitted to examine the manuscripts; but they were a sort of moral title-deeds, and essential, in friendly hands, for the vindication of her mother's character. If any one has doubts on this subject let him read, with critical attention, the memoir of Mr. Thomas prefixed to this volume, and see what an amount of slander he has been enabled to clear away, or to neutralize by aid of such manuscripts as remain; and these, we may be sure, were preserved because they were the least significant, least enlivened with anecdote, touched least on those very persons and subjects about whom we are most interested.

There is the famous case of Rémond—Ruremonde as Walpole calls him—the "hapless Monsieur," as we are told, of the Dunciad,—of which we have some doubts,—whom Lady Mary is said to have intrigued with, and to have cheated out of 5,0000 in the South-Sea year. Horace Walpole, who had been permitted to read Lady Mary's letters to her sister, Lady Mar, makes this report:—

"Ten of the letters indeed are dismal lamentations and frights, on a scene of villany of Lady Mary's, who having persuaded one Ruremonde, a Frenchman and her lover, to entrust her with a large sum of money to buy stock for him, frightened him out of England by persuading him that Mr. Wortley had discovered the intrigue, and would murder him, and then would have sunk the trust."

Nine of the letters here referred to were subsequently published by Lord Wharncliffe, who expressed his regret that he could not find the tenth. It is curious to observe the critical significance of this lost letter in the eyes of the writer in the Quarterly Review, who had just before given his sanction and approbation to the suppressing and burning theory. The moment he finds nine letters only, the tenth becomes all important. He sees in the nine evidence that the Frenchman was in possession "of some letters of hers which were of the greatest importance to her character."
If the case had been, he says, as she represented it, a mere money difference about South-Sea stock-jobbing transactions, why should Lady Mary have been in such "an extreme panic"? why, as Lord Wharncliffe conjectured, all this anxiety to conceal from her husband and the world the indiscretion of her having undertaken to purchase a few hundred pounds of South-Sea stock? "This passionate terror." we are told. Sea stock? "This passionate terror," we are told, is "quite disproportionate to any such cause." "There is evidence, too," he tells us, "of coquetry at least" even in the nine remaining letters, "of a flirtation begunabroad, and lasting almost a year, in consequence of which R—followed her to England; where, in order to bribe him to go back again, she turned it into

a stockbroking affair."
What sins has this one lost, suppressed, or burnt letter to answer for? What calumnious speculations might it not put an end to could it be now found? Fortunately it may be found; in truth, it was actually published (Vol. 2, p. 164) by Lord Wharncliffe, but having got mis-sorted and separated from the nine, it was so harmless and so innocent that it was overlooked equally by editor and critic. But even the ten letters give us, we are told, only Lady Mary's "own account of the transaction," in which, of course, if she had "made him happy in his own way, she could hardly be expected to confess it." Well, then, Mr. Thomas has discovered the whole of the letters from Rémond to Lady Mary, every one of which it appears her husband, Mr. Wortley, had seen, and, after his fashion, indorsed with a précis of its contents. From these we learn that this flirtation, begun abroad and lasting almost a year, began after the fashion of the "wits" of that day, in pure literary admiration of her genius, inferred from her letters to his and her friend, the Abbé Conti-Mons. Rémond being in Paris and Lady Mary in Constantinople! If she saw him at all while on the Continent, it must have been on her hurried return through Paris; and as to his visit to England, it was in the hope of retrieving his "tottering fortune" by investments in South-Sea stock, under the direction and supposed information of Lady Mary. But, all circumstances considered, it may be best to let Mr. Thomas tell the story as a curious result of the safer system of not suppressing and not burning:-

"The name of the person referred to in the letters by the initial R., is only once mentioned in the correspondence with Lady Mar, and as Walpole had no other source of information, he must have noted it incorrectly, the real name being, not Ruremonde, but Rémond. He was, as Pope says, 'a French wit,' though in a small way. If, as may be assumed, the poem referred to as 'Rémond's Alexias,' which Broome professes to imitate in some verses in Pope's Miscellany in

1712, was by him, Pope knew him at least by name. He was of good family in France, son of a gentleman well known in his day by the sobriquet of 'Rémond le Diable,' of whom and his family some account will be found in the Armorial General. Another son of Rémond le Diable was better known as a mathematician and philosopher, and was a correspondent of Sir Isaac Newton and other correspondent of Sir Isaac Newton and other English savants, whom he visited in England. As a friend of the Abbé Conti, he was probably also known to Lady Mary. His brother 'the French wit,' who more immediately concerns us, appears, from the account in the Armorial, to have been in from the account in the Armoria, to have been in his forty-fifth year at the time of his supposed intimacy with Lady Mary. He is described by St. Simon as a little, stunted, or unfinished man, St. Simon as a little, stunted, or unnished man, with a large nose, big round staring eyes, coarse ugly features, and a hoarse voice. 'He had,' says his portrayer, 'a great deal of wit, some reading, and taste for letters, and was a maker of verses: but he had still more of impudence, self-conceit and but he had still more of impudence, self-conceit and contempt for others. He piqued himself upon being an adept in everything—prose, poetry, philosophy, history, even gallantry: a circumstance which involved him in many ridiculous adventures, and made him the object of many jeers.' Such was the supposed lover of Lady Mary. What was the nature of those letters which she had written, and the threat to expose which to the world filled her with so much alarm, can only now be inferred : but the letters from Rémond to Lady Mary are still existing. The whole series evidently passed at some time into the hands of her husband, who has indorsed each one in his own handwriting, with a synopsis of its contents. * * They reveal with unmistakeable clearness the true character of their relations. It appears from them that M. Rémond began his correspondence, and reached a very high pitch in that style of exalted gallantry in which 'French wits' and English wits were then so which 'French wits' and English wits were then so accomplished, many months before he had ever seen the object of his compliments. The first of his letters is dated 'Paris, April 20, 1718,' a time when she was at Constantinople. and begins as follows:—'I have never had, and in all probability never shall have the honour of seeing you. I am, however, unable to restrain myself from writing to nowever, unable to restrain myself from writing to you. The Abbé C. [Conti], who is a particular friend of mine, has confided to me a letter written to him by you from Constantinople. I have react, it, and read it again, a hundred times. I have made a copy of it, and leave it neither day nor made a copy of it, and leave it netters day nor night. Observe my vanity. In that letter alone I fancied myself capable of per siving the singularity of your character and the infinite charms of your mind. Other letters follow, in which M. Rémond intermingles expressions no less fervid with dissertations upon the ancients, and copious allusions to Plato, Terence, Sir Isaac Newton, the Island of Plato, Terence, Sir Isaac Newton, the Island of Calypso, Horace, and Homer. After a while prosaic allusions to m.new affairs and worldly hankerings after prospetave gains in South-Seastocks, then at their height, are permitted to adulterate the pure stream of French gallantry and wit. The lady's influence and supposed good information, which appear to have induced her to speculate herself to a considerable degree, are invoked, in the hope of their proving fruitful of shares at enormous premiums. Then follow thanks for 'that friendship which induces you to condescend to the details of my domestic affairs; and for the advice which you give me for retrieving my descend to the details of my domestic affairs; and for the advice which you give me for retrieving my little tottering fortune. It is, fortunately for the reader, not necessary to quote largely from M. Rémond's letters. It may be supposed that Lady Mary, in her brief sojourn in Paris, on her way home from Constantinople met her admirer, who was an acquaintance of her sister Lady Mar, and of her friends Lord Stair and the Abbé Conti: there is evidence in the letters of that visit to England of which Lady Mary speaks, and which was immediately followed by the rupture between them; but ately followed by the rupture between them; but the only letter necessary to clear her of the in-ferences of Pope and Walpole is the last of the series, written after Rémond had finally quitted her and returned to France. It is dated '4th September,' and is indorsed by Mr. Wortley: 'Mr. Rémond, after his return to Paris. His loss by the Mississippi, and his small gain in England.

Advises to realise.' It begins as follows:—'At last I am in Paris...I do not regret the climate or the society of England, but the conversation of a few persons-particularly yours, which I enjoyed but rarely...If you ever come to France (it is indeed a beautiful country), you will be more satisfied with me than I have reason to be with you. All this is not by way of complaint. I know that English ladies are incapable of friendship and of love. I care little about the folly of the one, but I was very sensible of the pleasure of the other. I shall love you without exacting a return, '&c. After reading these letters in the handwriting of her accuser, there is no reason, notwithstanding Lady Mary's natural alarm at his threats, to doubt the truth of h account of the matter, which will be found in the earlier letters of the section addressed to Lady Mar, or the correctness of Lord Wharncliffe's suggestion that her dread of exposure arose from the fact that her letters would have revealed to her husband, whose strict principles on money matters are conspicuous in his letters, the extent of her secret and imprudent ventures in the disastrous South-Sea bubble. this must of course be added a dread of the ridicule -the sarcasms and the ballads-which would inevitably have followed the public exposure of her letters, however innocent, and to which none are more sensitive than those who are themselves prone to indulge in such amusements."

"Who starved a sister?" was another of Pope's libellous allusions, and is ably disposed of by Mr. Thomas with the aid of the papers not burnt :

"It seems to have originated in disputes between Lady Mary and the family of Lady Mar as to the custody of Lady Mar during her lunacy. Mary appears always to have regarded her sister's husband with aversion. His marriage took place at a time when the Tory party, with whom Lord Mar had finally connected himself, were in the height of their power; and it must have been distasteful to all Lady Mary's family and connexions. Mar was a man of a peculiarly artful and designing character. He played through all his life something more than a double part, and met the common fate of such a policy. * During the period embraced by the section of Lady Mary's correspondence with her—1721-1727—Lady Mar resided with her husband in Paris. The only letter from her which I have found, dwells much upon domestic trouble, and is written in a melancholy and desponding tone. She appears to have lived unhappily with her husband, and, 'in the beginning of her illness, is said by Lord Grange, the brother of the Earl of Mar, to have declared 'loudly and oftener than once,' that 'her husband's bad usage had turned her mad.' A ruse was probably resorted to by her family in England, through the influence which they had with the government, for removing her from her husband's custody in Paris after her madness was declared: for when he permitted her to be taken to England, he was evidently under the impression that he would be allowed to follow her. ** It is hardly to be wondered at that the efforts made by Lord Grange to obtain the custody of his brother's wife, in pre-ference to her sister Lady Mary, met with the most strenuous resistance from the latter. Grange was a man of determined character, who did not scruple at an act of lawless violence. His forcible detention of his wife, Lady Grange, for many years in lonely confinement in the island of St. Kilda, is a well-known romance in real life. His letters and diary exhibit a curious mixture of theological cant, whining complaints, and unscrupulous designs. For Lady Mar, of whom he knew but little, he did not pretend to have, and could not have, any particular regard. The motives for his conduct in the matter are, indeed, fully betrayed in his private letters to his relative, Thomas Erskine of Pittodry, published in the third volume of the Miscellany of the Spalding Club; from which it documents. it clearly appears that it was not the continuance of Lady Mar's madness, so much as the consequences of her recovery, which he regarded with dread.
'If Lady M-r continue in her confinement,' he writes, 'and matters as they are, it is bad enough; but they may be worse.'—'Supposing the sister

find her well,' he adds, 'then may not an artful woman impose on one in such circumstances, and whose mind cannot yet be very firm?' means is explained by other passages in the same letter, in which he shows, by elaborate statements, the importance to his brother and his family of obtaining a command over her actions, particularly as to an arrangement already made concerning her property. 'Were Lady M-r, on her freedom, in right hands,' he remarks, 'she would ratify the on right nanas, he remarks, she would rashly she will not. If while she is that way Lord M. [Mar] comes to die, it is too probable that his daughter will fall into the same hands, which would go near to finish the ruin of the family. I shall add little more on this head. The expense is uneasy at any rate. If the lady be got to freedom, and then to the settlement we wish, it will cost money; but it is worth it; and if it make not a return in profit, yet it prevents worse.' It may be supposed that Lord Grange, though he made a journey to London on this business, failed to persuade the Lord Chancellor of the justice of his claim to take charge of Lady Mar. All the schemes to which he resorted for obtaining his object proved unavailing; and he at length adopted the characteristic measure of forcibly seizing the unhappy lady, and carrying her to Scotland. On the road, he informs us, she was arrested by the Lord Chief Justice's warrant. 'procured on false affidavit of her sister Lady Mary, &c., and brought back to London, declared lunatic, and by Lord Chancellor (whose crony is Mr. Wortley, Lady Mary's husband) delivered into the custody of Lady Mary.' It was but in the precustody of Lady Mary.' ceding year that Grange had, in like manner, conveyed away his wife. She was seized in the night by a party of Highlanders, and thenceforth devote to a secret and dreary imprisonment, from which she only escaped by her death, more than thirteen years afterwards. What might have been the fate of Lady Mar in the hands of this man, he has himself sketched in a curious passage which he puts into Lady Mary's mouth, in an imaginary conversation between herself and her sister. separated from your father's and mother's friends and from your country, he supposes Lady Mary to say, 'locked up in Scotland, or foreign parts, and wholly in their [Lord Grange and his adherents] power, what can you expect? Your friends here could give you no relief, and you should be wholly at the barbarous mercy of those whose sense get [gets i] not sufficiently the better of their hatred or contempt as to make them carry with seeming respect to you till they get you in their power. What will they not do when they have power. What will they not uo when wou?' It is a striking instance of the recklessness to have had no of Pope's satire, that he appears to have had no authority for his accusation but the statements of this man. That Lady Mary ill-used or 'starved' her favourite sister, was a charge not likely to be conceived in the mind of anybody else but Grange, and which no one else had any interest in making; and the fact that he appears to have induced Pope's friend, Dr. Arbuthnot, on one occasion to enter into his plans, would certainly point to a channel through which Pope might have received this strange statement. Among the papers is a letter from Mr. Wortley to Lady Mary, written some time later, in which he recommends her, for her own ease, to relinquish her charge, and urges upon her that she has 'done all that any one can think reasonable 'for her sister's sake-that Lady Frances Erskine, the daughter of Lady Mar, being now 'almost a woman, ought to choose for herself who should preserve her mother's life:' and that, 'if she had not the prudence to choose proper persons,' Lady Mary 'could not be blamed.' Lady Mary appears to have yielded to these arguments, and Lady Frances Erskine thenceforth took charge of her mother. Lady Frances subsequently married her cousin, the son of Lord Grange, and naturally adopted the spirit of her husband's family: but Lady Mar appears to have had no share in their hostility. To the last, Lady Mary continued to write to her occasional letters from Italy, in the hope of their finding her in one of those intervals of recovered reason in which she, on one occasion at least, replied in a letter of kindness and sisterly

On the subject of Lady Mary's intimacy and subsequent quarrel with Pope very little is known, and not much new information could be expected. We have long been of opinion that their acquaintance before her departure for Constantinople must have been very slight: and Mr. Thomas tells us that there is no mention of him in her letters of that period, though "Garth, Addison, Congreve and Vanbrugh are spoken of in terms of familiar friendship." There is, indeed, proof in her 'Unfinished Sketch' that "when Oxford had the wand and Anna reigned," she heartily despised him: and Mr. Thomas observes:

"Although to subscribe to Pope's Iliad was then almost a fashion, and a friend, or even acquaintance of the poet, could hardly have neglected to do so, neither the name of Mr. Wortley nor of Lady so, neither the name of Air. Wortley nor of Lady Mary is to be found in the list prefixed to the first-volume, published in June, 1715, though they both subscribed for copies of the Odyssey, Mr. Wortley for '5 sets.' Of the letters of Pope to Lady Mary which have been preserved, the earliest was written immediately before her departure for Constantinople, and it is evident, from the circumstances mentioned, that their acqu. ntance must have been very recent; and notwithstanding the extravagant expressions with which he begins at once to address her, could not hav had time to-ripen into intimacy."

Pope wrote to Lady Mary as Mous. Rémond and "the wits" of that time on, uld write. "It is hard to conceive [says Mr. _homas] the degree of passionate declaration, extravagant compliment, and licentious allusion, which a fine lady e to her of that time might receive without of that time might receive without ter intended more than to exhibit his own that the intended more than to exhibit his own that the intended more than to exhibit his own that the intended more than to exhibit his own that the intended more than to exhibit his own that the intended in Their acquaintance appears to ve been of the briefest and slightest kind; to nave had, indeed, no foundation but the fact of he aving sent him some verses to correct through Mrs. Howard. Pope was then still friendly with dy Mary, and supposed to be in love with M .. 1a Blount, and ssed to both of he sends copies of his verses ad those ladies. But, notwithstand...g this, and the fact that Miss Judith Cowper was about to be married to a respectable gentleman, Pope assures her that she 'has put him into such a condition that he thinks of nothing and inquires of nothing but her, that he has been 'so mad with the idea of her as to steal her picture,' and that he 'passes whole days in sitting before it, talking to himself."

For Miss Cowper was a wit—that is, a lady of literary talent—and of course would understand the language of wits. The indelicacy with which the spirit of the time permitted him to address even unmarried ladies, is exemplified in his letters to the Miss Blounts and to the daughter of his acquaintance, Mrs. Marriott, of Sturston, to whom he transmitted, apparently through his friend Broome, then rector of Sturston, compositions-whose ribaldry and grossness no wit or art could now render tolerable."

Pope's passionate utterances in his letters to vomen meant nothing; his divinity was she to whom, at the moment, he chanced to be writing, -he was thinking only of the fine things he could say. To believe, as some persons have professed to do, that there was an attachment between Pope and Lady Mary before she went abroad is absurd. She was young, beautiful and accomplished, married to a man of her own choice four years, and Pope's letters prove only, as we have said, that his passions and professions were mere words. His theory is plainly stated in one of his letters to her—"The farther you go from me, the more freely I shall write. . . Let us be like modest people, who, when they are close together, keep all corum; but if not in ju Vie 28 01 If mer very after kne to co ther

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they step a little aside," &c. Lady Mary was not for a moment deceived.

"Let it be observed [says Lady Louisa Stuart] in justice to Lady Mary's taste, that her answers treat this kind of language with tacit contempt. Viewing it probably, with the widow in 'Hudibras,' as only 'high-heroic fustian,' she returns him a recital of some plain matter of fact, and never takes the smallest notice of protestation or panegyric."

If any one doubts whether these letters were mere words and phrases, let him look at the very first which Pope addressed to Lady Mary after her arrival,—when, "wit" as he was, he knew he must "keep all decorum"—descend to common sense and respectful manners,—and there, after the introductory flourishing of some fifteen lines, he runs off into a minute descripfifteen lines, he runs on into a minute descrip-tion of Stanton Harcourt, "a true picture of a genuine ancient country-seat"; a letter which he might have addressed to his grandmother, and which, on the evidence of his own quarto, of 1737, he did address, in duplicate, to the Duke of Buckingham. The character and degree of their intimacy, two years after her return, may perhaps be judged of by Gay's 'Welcome,' written in 1720, for Gay knew

What lady hat to whom he gently bends?
Who knows not her? Ah! those are Wortley's eyes!
How art the honour'd, number'd with her friends,
For she "the "honour the good and wise.

It is true at the manuscript fragment in the
British Museum reads "Howard" instead of

Wortley,—but, until some one shall have discovered by of an early edition, we must take the deduction of the fact would be still more significant; for then, in Gay's endless enumeration of Pope's friends, Lady Mary will not have been mentioned.

Some time after their return, Lady Mary sat for her portri to Kneller; so did her husband, Mr. Wortley; on did her sister Lady Mar; so did most fashionable people. Dallaway tells us that Lady N sy sat for this portrait at the request of F se. On what evidence—what tittle of evid ace-did he make this assertion? Did Pope ever possess the picture? Dallaway, at least, ough to have known that the portrait was in the possession of her daughter; that it was engraved, with the date of 1720, and prefixed to his own edition, where it is stated to have been engraved "from a picture by Sir Godfrey Kneller, in the collection of the Mar-quis of Bute." Dallaway, we suppose, was mis-led by Pope's fine phrasings; and very fine they are. But he was not half so rapturous as when Miss Cowper sat for her portrait; he does not assure Lady Mary that he has been tempted to "steal" the portrait, or that he is so "mad with the idea" of her that he "passes whole days in sitting before it, talking to himself."

We shall deal with the story of Pope's quarrel with Lady Mary another day.

Serbski Pesme; or, National Songs of Servia. By Owen Meredith. (Chapman & Hall.)

These Servian songs cannot be taken up without a certain uneasy feeling. The reader shall see what their reproducer offers concerning their parentage; but we do not feel that all the truth has been told. Is not this a case of more 'Portuguese Sonnets'? Mr. Meredith tells his reader

this story of his book:—
"In the war declared by Josef the Second against the Porte, the Serbs took arms with the against the Porte, the Serbs took arms with the Austrians. Accustomed, during that brief period, to the enjoyment of comparative independence, they resolved, after the peace of Sistov, not lightly to part with the blessing of it. About a tenth part of the population withdrew armed, in little bands, into their prests and mountains. These little armed company leading amongst their natural

mountain fastnesses a marauding migratory life, partly of a predatory, partly of a political character, called themselves Haidouks, or Bandits; and form a social phenomenon not very dissimilar to that represented by the banditti of Marco Sciarra in the forests around medieval Rome. It is but a very few years since the Haidouk has ceased to be a prominent social feature in Servia. He is a principal personage in the poetry of the people, and Monsieur Dozon, to whose able and interesting little work upon the poetry of the Serbs I am largely indebted, relates that he was informed by a late Minister of the Interior of Servia, that by a late Minister of the Interior of Servia, that in certain portions of the principality it had been found necessary to prohibit the recitation of the popular songs about the Haidouks, as numbers of those who listened to them had been incited to adopt the lawless life therein described. * * The Servian Pesmas, which are the work of centuries, and which, more than anything else perhaps, have served to keep alive in the people the sentiment of nationality, and to unite in a common animosity to the Turk all the kindred branches of the great Slave race in the East—may, all of them, be said to be lyrical, in so far as they are all of them made to be sung or recited to the gousté, a rude musical instrument, with a single string, played on by a bow. But I have already observed that none of them possess those qualities which belong to what we now call lyric poetry. They may be classified under two heads—the heroic pesmas, relating to historical events and characters; and the domestic, or songs sung by the women — of an erotic or fantastic character. Of the former, I have given but a single specimen; that which relates the battle of Kossovo. ** It is but a very few years since the poetry of the Serbs was first reduced to writing. I believe that M. Vouk Stefanovich Karadjitch was the first to rescue these pesmas from that state of oral tradi-tion in which they had existed for ages. Like the Greek rhapsodies, they are composed and sung about the land, from village to village, by blind beggars. The poets of Servia are the blind; and surely there is something touching in this common consecration of the imaginary world as an here-ditary possession to those from whose sense this visible world is darkened. The traveller, or the huntsman reposing from the chase, in some wild wayside méhana or tavern (a mere mud cabin on wayside menana or tavern (a mere mud cabin on the windy mountain side, and generally near a mountain spring), as, followed by his dogs, he seats himself upon the bench by the ingle, may yet see, amid a group of eager weather-beaten faces, the blind bard with his hollow, wooden gousts, covered with sheepskin, and traversed by a single string. This instrument is placed upon the knee, and played like a violoncello. First, a series of long wailing notes commands the attention of the audience; then a pause, through which you hear the harsh grating of the gouste string; and then forth roll the long monotonous verses of the pesma, of which Marko Kralievitch is probably the hero; a sort of burly brawling Viking of the land, with just a touch in his composition of Roland and the Cid, but with much more about him of Gargantua.

Thus much, for the present, as to the origin of this volume.—With regard to its quality two opinions will hardly be entertained. A better book of its wild kind does not recur to us. In the long battle ballad, Mr. Meredith shows that instinctive power over the legendary style which can hardly be acquired. He knows, in description, the value of repetition,—also how incom-pleteness, if artfully managed, can be made more suggestive than that thorough finish which leaves nothing to the imagination.-But the minor poems will be more generally popular. As love verses, few could be named fuller of colour than the following:-

LOVE AND SLEEP.

I walkt the high and hollow wood from dawn to even-dew,
The wild-eyed wood stared on me, and unclaspt, and let
me through,
Where mountain pines, like great black birds, stood percht
against the blue.

Not a whisper heaved the woven woof of those warm trees: All the little leaves lay flat, unmoved of bird or breeze: Day was losing light all round, by indolent degrees.

Underneath the brooding branches, all in holy shade, Unseen hands of mountain things a mossy couch had made: There asleep among pale flowers my beloved was laid.

Slipping down, a sunbeam bathed her brows with bounteous Unmoved upon her maiden breast her heavy hair was roll'd.

Her smile was silent as the smile on corpses three hours "O God!" I thought, "if this be death that makes not sound nor stir!"

My heart stood still with tender awe, I dared not waken

her, But to the dear God, in the sky, this prayer I did prefer:

"Grant, dear Lord, in the blessed sky, a warm wind from

the sea,
To shake a leaf down on my love from yonder leafy tree;
That she may open her sweet eyes and haply look on me." The dear God, from the distant sea, a little wind releast, It shook a leaflet from the tree, and laid it on her breast. Her sweet eyes ope'd, and looked on me. How can I tell the rest?

The following trifle reminds us of Heine:-

A WISH.

I would I were a rivulet, And I know where I would run! To Save, the chilly river, Where the market boats pass on; To see my dear one stand By the rudder; and whether the rose Which, at parting, I put in his hand, Warm with a kiss in it, blows; Whether it blows or withers: I pluckt it on Saturday; I gave it to him on Sunday; On Monday he went away.

Here, to close our extracts, is something more whimsical: -

> A CONJUGAL DISPUTE. All at the mid of the night, there arose A quarrel 'twixt husband and wife; For, the young Omer Bey and his spouse, Falling into discussion and strife, Wild words to each other they said, Side by side, at the dead Of the night, on their marriage bed.

Of the night, on their marriage bed.
Had it been about anything less
The quarrel might have passt by;
But it was not a trifle, you guess,
That set words running so high.
Yet the cause in dispute (to be brief)
Was only a white handkerchief,
Broider'd all over with gold,
And scented with rose and with amber,
So sweet the whole house could not hold
That scent from the nuptial chamber.
For (the whole truth herewith to disclose),
This handkerchief border'd with gold,
And scented with amber and rose,
Had been given to the Bey (to enfold
Her letters, which lay on his breast),
By the mistress that he loved best.
But his wife had a sensitive nose
For the scent of amber and rose;
And the fiend himself only knows
Whether, but for a lie, ere the close
Of that quarrel there had not been blows.
"You know I've a sister, my treasure,

Of that quarret there had not been blows.
"You know I've a sister, my treasure,
The wife of our friend Zekir Bey; I
love her, you know, beyond measure,
And she, dear, on our bridal day,
To me gave this white handkerchief,
Border'd all over with gold,
And scented with amber and rose;
Which precious, for her sake, I hold,
Though the scent of it, much to my grief,
Has troubled our nuptial repose."

Smiling, her husband she heard, Feeling no faith in his word, For troubled his face was, she saw. Up she leapt by the light of the taper, Barefooted and seized ink and paper; And wrote to her sister-in-law:—

And wrote to not a way and a way a w May'st thou never have cause to bewait him? Speak truth, and fear nothing. But say (For truly the truth must be told) To thy brother, on our bridal day, Did'st thou give a white handkerchief, brightly Embroidered all over with gold. And scented with rose and with amber So sweet, that the scent of it nightly May be smelt in the Bey's bridal chamber?"

May be smelt in the Bey's brital chambe When this came to the wife of the Bey, She burst into tears, as she read: And "Pity upon me!" she said, "For I know not, alas! what to say. If speak truth, I put strife Twirt the brother I love and his wife; If speak false, much I dread Lest my husband die for it," she said.

Then the letter she laid in her breast, And she ponder'd with many a sigh, "I choose of two evils the least, If my husband must die, let him die!

Since the choice lies 'twixt one or the other— Any husband a woman may spare, But the sister that injures a brother Does that which she cannot repair."

Thus shrewdly the matter she saw: As she wrote to her sister-in-law:—

"Wife of my brother, the Bey! My husband is well. May naught ail him! And I trust I shall never bewall him. To my brother on your marriage day (And truly the truth shall be told) I gave a white handkerehief brightly Embroidered all over with gold, And scented with rose and with amber So sweet, that the scent (as you say, And as I cannot doubt of it, nightly May be smelt in the Bey's bridal chamber."

Mr. Sealy's capital Chinese tale of 'Ho Fi of the Yellow Girdle' is hardly more archly dry than the above.—To conclude, Mr. Meredith might justifiably be reckoned with for some carelessness of language; since he uses words belonging to many periods and many literatures with a careless indifference. This is none the less strange because he affects that precision of spelling, the pedantry of which, even Mr. Landor's ingenious and earnest recommendations cannot disguise or tempt us to forget.—But these are airs and graces which may pass away with time and intercourse with men as well as hooks.

Nineteen Years in Polynesia: Missionary Life, Travels, and Researches in the Islands of the Pacific. By the Rev. George Turner, of the London Missionary Society. (Snow.)

It is so rare a thing for the emissaries of the London Missionary Society to publish a work deserving the notice of educated readers, that we may possibly be suspected of irony when we say that 'Nineteen Years in Polynesia' is, at the same time, amusing and instructive, and deserves to be ranked not only high above the common run of journals of missionary experience, but also high above ordinary narratives of travel. A manly simplicity is one of Mr. Turner's characteristics, and the quality preserves him from those offences against good taste which disfigure missionary literature, and do durable injury to a good cause. It is true that where a lay writer would only pity the condition of the inhabitants of Tanna, Mr. Turner's "heart yearns with compassion over the poor, naked, painted savages"; but, apart from this and a few other blemishes of sectarian phraseology, his pages are guiltless of cant, and he unfolds, in a quiet, unaffected and impres-sive style, the daily routine of his labour passing lightly over its disappointments, and not exaggerating its successes. Of course the writer's observations are made from a narrow point of view; and, in many cases, an inability is manifested to treat judiciously the phenomena that are accurately recorded. A man, however well he may have been educated in his youth, cannot, without intellectual detriment, separate himself from civilized life, and, apart from books and intercourse with cultivated minds, pass nineteen years in the noble drudgery of teaching savages the Catechism. Insensibly a man so placed comes to resemble the lowly creatures to whom he is daily condescending; and, if he succeeds in raising them towards his original level, he, at the same time, gravitates to theirs.

Tanna, an island discovered by Capt. Cook, in 1774, in 19° 30′ south latitude, and 169° 20′ east longitude, was the first scene of Mr. Turner's labours. No sooner had the missionary, with his wife and party, landed on the island, than the Tannese proceeded to exhibit, in a grotesque and troublesome fashion, their strong love of acquisition:—

"We had not been twenty-four hours on shore, until we found that we were among a set of notori-

ous thieves, perfect Spartans in the trade, and, like the ancient code of Lycurgus, the crime seemed to be, not the stealing, but the being found out. The teacher's house, in which we took up our temporary abode, was but badly shut in, with rough upright sticks from the bush, having spaces here and there which easily let in a finger or two. Before we got all these places filled up, a towel was missed here, a comb there, and a pair of scissors in another place. Nay, the very bed-quilt was caught one afternoon moving off towards a hole, by means of a long stick with a hook at the end of it. When we spoke to the chiefs about it, begging them to make laws, they would talk loudly, and threaten death to the thief if they could only get hold of him; but it was all a joke, the chiefs were as bad as any of them. recollect a fellow storming against a thief, and telling us to kill him whenever we got hold of him, and, at the very same moment, he slyly picked up a big nail with his toes, and slipped it into his hand behind his back. We tried to keep things out of the way, overlooked the most of their petty pilfering, and cheered ourselves with the thought that the day might not be far distant when the Gospel of Christ would take root in that truly 'virgin soil,' and in due time bring forth its lovely fruits of honesty and righteousness of every kind."

Eventually Mr. Turner had to fly from Tanna; and the circumstances of his expulsion from the island were so peculiar that the members of the Peace Society at their next conference might well take them under their consideration. The tribe with which Mr. Turner dwelt and especially associated, not only gave him an amicable reception, but in process of time contracted strong sentiments of affection for and allegiance to him. The medicines and domestic education administered by the worthy missionary and his household soon caused the savages to recognize in him an invaluable member of their community. It was not long, however, before some neighbouring tribes, partly through jealousy, and partly through a conservative suspicion of the new settler's practices, determined either to drive him from the land or kill him. To carry out this resolution, the combined powers proclaimed war on the tribe affording protection to the missionary, whose presence was the sole cause of the disturbance and subsequent effusion of blood. With a sense of honour, worthy a civilized people and suggesting a comparison with the conduct of the Swiss on a similar occasion, the chiefs of the threatened tribe declared that they would not banish an inoffensive man whom they had admitted to the rights of citizenship, and who had proved himself deserving of their confidence. Rather than basely betray their guest, they would fight for him to the death. Such being their chivalric decision, they naturally enough came to Mr. Turner saying, 'This is your war; but we will gladly peril our lives for you against the overwhelming numbers of your enemies; you must, however, help us with your

"Next morning, all our people were in arms, and, by sunrise, we heard their heavy tread coming down the hill behind our house. There they were in a string, with Iāru at their head. Iāru was an old hero of a hundred fights, blind of an eye, close upon eighty years of age, but still erect and energetic; he remembered Cook, who visited them sixty-nine years before. They all mustered in front of our house, and wished Mr. Nisbet and myself to go out and speak with them. Mr. Nisbet and I put on our hats, and went out. 'We have come,' they said, 'to see what is to be done about It is all on your account. We wish this war. you to help us. Are we to be killed when you can save us? Are they to be allowed to come and burn our villages when you can keep them back. wish you to come and help us with your gun, as it is your war, and, with you on our side, we are sure of success.' Viewed from their point, it was perfectly natural they should make this request. A

single musket was at that time an army in itself. We had no fire arms of our own. Mr. Heath, our missionary brother from Samoa, who had been living with us for a few months, had a fowlingpiece, for collecting specimens of birds. That he had left in our charge, while he went on a visit to England; and it was this the natives had in their eye. Mr. Nisbet and I replied—'No; we cannot join you in this war. We are not fighting men, such as you see in ships of war. We would rather die ourselves than be the murderers of others. We have come to teach you about God, and the way to heaven. We have done no harm to any one. We are the injured party in this affair, and it is your business to do all you can to prevent any one from injuring us. Remember, you all promised, when you asked us to live here, that you would when you asked us to live here, that you would protect us, and that, on war breaking out, you would never ask us to join in it. This last remark touched the right chord. They hung their heads, and whispered to each other, 'It is quite true. We said that. We promised never to ask them to fight.' Again, however, they tried to gain their point. 'If,' said one, 'you do not wish to go with us, just let us have the gun, and one of your Samoan servants to fire it, and that will do. — 'No, no, we cannot do that; that would be all the same as going ourselves. We cannot do it,' was our reply. then gave them a bit of print, a hatchet, a knife, a pair of scissors, and some beans, as a present to the father of the lad who had been killed, and begged them not to retaliate, but to do all they could think of to prevent further bloodshed. They saw it was in vain to try any longer to get the gun, promised merely to act on the defensive, and off they went to the village where the boy had been killed.

The progress and termination of the contest do not affect the nature of the position which a conscientious teacher of the Christian religion deemed it his duty to occupy. The war raged for days, the fate of the battle being invariably in favour of the aggressors. Again and again the petition was renewed by the unfortunate protectors of the missionary for his gun, and as frequently the petition was refused. It is true that after the war had set in, Mr. Turner and his party ineffectually attempted to retire from the island, and that afterwards he contrived for the moment to pacify the victors with presents. These circumstances, however, do not alter the fact that, as a minister of peace resolved not to stain his hands with blood, he saw his helpless protectors routed in a battle, entered upon solely for his defence, and yet refused to aid them, when he could have aided them effectually. Had he advanced with them, and fired his gun once, in all probability the alarm of the explosion would have decided the fate of the day for his friends, and put an end to bloodshed. Under these circumstances, was the missionary's conduct justifiable? The question will, we think, be very generally answered against him. To the plea, that conscience did not permit him to take part in the strife, the reply is manifest, -that by quietly keeping at home he not only took part, but took the worst possible part in the contest. Had the danger concerned only his own life, it would have fairly fallen within the province of Christian forbearance to decline resisting the oppressor, and to turn the cheek to the smiter. But the case was far otherwise. The blows of the enemy did not reach his person, and yet with all his squeamishness about interfering in earthly quarrels, Mr. Turner did not deem it inconsistent with his professions to retaliate by deputy.

NEW NOVELS.

Silas Marner, the Weaver of Raveloe. By George Eliot. (Blackwood & Sons.)—'Silas Marner' is not unworthy of the reputation already acquired by the Author of 'Adam Bede.' It has no scenes of exciting and painful interest, but the characters are all well and firmly drawn, worked up from within, instead of the mere outward semblance

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being given. They are not described, but the leading idea, the key-note to their nature, is given, and the human actions that follow impress the reader with all the truth of reality. If we wished to be very critical, we might say that the leading ideas of the character of the men and women ideas of the character of the men and women round us are rarely clearly defined, or rendered distinctly articulate, as they are in this novel; they exist, although we may not have the power to tell their secret;—by so much the more is real human nature richer than any book. The story of 'Silas Marner' is very interesting; the interest is true and wholesome, not in the least morbid or questionable. The peculiarity of the tale is, that its action is chiefly sustained by men; the female characters are only accessories. Of heroines, there its action is chiefly sustained by men; the female characters are only accessories. Of heroines, there are, properly speaking, none at all,—the agency of women is felt as powerfully affecting the welfare and destinies of the men who are engaged in the story, but they appear seldom and say little; still their influence is at work, and is felt for good or ill from the first page to the last. The three good angels are very natural human maidens, who in real life might be considered good sort of women, but nothing out of the common run. Miss Nancy but nothing out of the common run. Miss Namey Lameter is our favourite, with her pretty prim ways and her rules of conduct for her own guidance, which," says the author, "she carried within her in the most unobtrusive way; they rooted themselves in her mind, and grew there quietly, like grass." At any cost to herself "she would do what was right," and though there was some narrowness in her powers of measurement, and some gentle prejudices, yet there was no flaw in the purity of her intentions, or in the unselfishness of purity of her intentions, or in the unsummer her actions. She is a charming womanly character, and her influence for good upon her vacillating husband is both true to life and is very artistically managed. Dolly Winthorp, who was the nurse, counsellor and comforter of all the village, whose good thoughts came into her head always "when she was sorry for folk and striving to help them," is an excellent and racy sketch of a good woman, not exaggerated into a caricature—some of her sayings deserve to be printed in golden letters. The characters are not the same lay figures as have figured in former stories; they are fresh embodi-ments of human nature, who live and move in this history and in no other. Silas Marner, the weaver, who may be considered the central character of the book, is very good. Out of apparently common materials, a beauty and pathos are evoked which sink deep into the reader's heart. Silas Marner's career, before the action of the tale commences, is well and briefly told. He was a member of "the little religious world known to itself as the church assembling in Lantern Yard"; believed to be a young man of exemplary life and ardent faith. The sketch of this small, obscure sectarian commu-nity is as carefully finished and skilfully drawn as if it were to be a leading feature of the book, and yet it is not dwelt upon too much in detail, nor at too great length. It is in excellent proportion, and it is true to the life and spirit. One of the merits of this tale is, the truth of all the details and local colouring; there is nothing left slovenly. The world of Raveloe is given with an understanding spirit, which has all the effect of humour. The aracter of the public opinion in Raveloe is thus given :- "In that far-off time superstition clung easily round every person or thing that was at all unwonted, or even intermittent and occasional merely, like the visits of the pedlar and knifegrinder. No one knew where wandering men had their homes or their origin; and how was a man to be explained unless you at least knew somebody who knew his father and mother? To the peasants of old time the world outside their direct experience was a world of vagueness and mystery; to their untravelled thought a state of wandering was a conception as dim as the winter life of the swallows that came back with the spring; and even a settler, if he came from distant parts, hardly ever ceased to be viewed with a remnant of distrust, which would have prevented any surprise if a long course of inoffensive conduct on his part had ended in the commission of a crime, especially if he had any reputation for knowledge, or showed any skill in handicraft. All cleverness, whether in the

rapid use of that difficult instrument the tongue, rapid use of that dimcuit instrument the tongue, or in some other act unfamiliar to villagers, was in itself suspicious, * * and the process by which rapidity and dexterity of any kind was acquired partook of the mystery of conjuring." It was amongst this class of people, in a central county village, that Silas Marner came to live, a lonely man, from the mysterious region called "the North'ard." He had mysterious region called "the North'ard." He had more reason to be misanthropic than most people: a victim to the treachery of a friend,—a victim also to false appearances which he was powerless to contradict,—declared guilty by the primitive ordeal of "casting lots by the Bible," and driven ignominiously from the congregation,—disowned by the young woman, with whom he was on the point of marriage,—with his faith in religion and his trust in every human being completely shattered,—his whole life dead down to the root,—with no hope or object left in life,—Silas Marner, the weaver, comes before the reader at the commencement of the story. There is no over-colouring nor striving after effects. Silas Marner is a weaver, and neither says nor does anything beyond what is strictly probable and natural, yet he takes a hold on the reader's sympathy, by the truth with which the inward working of his life is laid bare. The author touches and treats all the characters from their own point of view, and with something of the tender love with which everybody regards himself. No character, however insignificant, or thing, however trivial, but is drawn with the feeling of its own personality strong within it; the author judges nothing, but understands every-thing. The scene in the village alehouse is finished like a Dutch picture—so is the scene where the ladies are dressing for the New-Year's-Eve merrymaking. But Eppie, the foundling and adopted child, is the bright light of the book: her golden curls and bright glancing ways are charming; she has little to say or do beyond being the blessing of Silas Marner's life, which the reader feels and knows she must have been; but she is left bright and un-defined, as sunshine ought to be. We shall not spoil the reader's interest by giving any indication of the story,—it abounds with subtle thoughts and felicitous expressions. Being only in one volume, the story does not grow weak nor its interest drag —by reason of the length of way. Readers who desire only to meet with high society and good company in their novels, and who consider it impossible to feel an interest in the fortunes of weavers and farmers, may leave 'Silas Marner' alone, for they will meet with nothing higher than the Squire;those who can feel sympathy with human nature, however humbly embodied it may be, will find 'Silas

Marner comfortable reading.

Market Harborough; or, How Mr. Sawyer went
to the Shires. (Chapman & Hall.)—It is not well, when speaking of a gentleman who has the good fortune to be an Earl's son, invariably to style him "The Honourable." "The Honourable lit his cigar" grates on the ear. Neither is it altogether agreeable to good taste to hear the narrative of a country rector's sayings and doings illustrated with endless repetitions of "The Reverend said this," encless repetitions of "The Reverend said this," and "The Reverend did that." "I am certain you're a great quiz" is hardly the speech to put into the lips of a well-born country belle conversing with a gentleman, of her own social condition, soon after their first introduction. Still, notwithstanding these and other blunders of the same sort,
'Market Harborough' is a cheery tale, to be
ranked high amongst third-rate sporting novels; and it would have merited much warmer commen-dation, if the writer had been content to keep in the stable and hunting-field, and had not pushed his way into the drawing-room, where he is as much at home as a bookworm would be at Tattersall's. The principal character of the slight and imperfectly-finished story is well conceived, and accords ill with the conventional persons by whom he is surrounded. A simple, honest country squire, accustomed to ride with an unknown pack, Mr. Sawyer is ambitious of distinguishing himself at Market Harborough, and joins the hunting society of that rather dull little town, with three horses, which, though good enough for a nook in an out-of-the-way province, are by no means up to the work of "the shires." Mr. Sawyer, however, is no "green hand." By aid of a cautious tongue, con-

siderable shrewdness, and the cunning of his old siderable shrewdness, and the cunning of his old groom Isaac, he not only avoids ignominious discomfiture, but contrives to sell his worst horse for 250 guineas to the best rider in the country, who, as "the honourable C," or "the honourable C—," or "the honourable Crasher," plays a conspicuous part in every "day out." The runs are described with spirit and knowledge, and the stable-life of the grooms is well managed; but all that concerns Miss Cissy Dove and her love-making is feeble and unpleasant. is feeble and unpleasant.

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Household Proverbs; or, Tracts for the People.

By the Author of 'Woman's Work,' &c. (Shaw.)

—A capital collection of stories, which may be obtained separately for distribution, or bound in a reat little volume. They can scarcely be called religious tracts; but they may do as much, if not more, good in their generation than many a work of far higher pretension. These stories are all interesting, and true to the life. The languageused is precisely that of the working classes, and the author is evidently thoroughly acquainted with the habits and customs, the petty troubles and household cares, of those for whose use the book is intended—which is more than can be said for most tract writers. The subjects chosen by the most tract writers. The subjects chosen by the writer of these 'Household Proverbs' are useful. "Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves," contains admirable advice upon economy; as also does, "Waste not, want not," "Lightly come, lightly go," and several others. In "A man is what a woman makes him," we have a charming picture of a drunkard reclaimed by means of a comfortable home and an attentive, good-tempered wife. But, perhaps, the best tract in the whole collection is that entitled "Right in the whole collection is that entitled "Right-wrongs no man," relating the history of a "strike" and its disastrous effects upon one single family. We wish some of the deluded operatives now out on strike could be induced to read this little tale,—they could scarcely fail to do so without profiting by it. In hopes of tempting some bene-volently-disposed individual to purchase several hundred copies of "Right wrongs no man," for distribution among working men, we venture to quote a passage—one among many—which seems to us so sensible, forcible, and to the point, that if so be the harking back could have been possible. it so be the harking back could have been possible. But it is one thing to fly into the spider's net and another thing to fly out again; and when the men looked at their wives, once so neat and trim, now slovenly and untidy,—for how could they be otherwise, when their clothes were pawned for bread?—and when they saw their children pining away before their faces, then they would have been glad enough to go back to their work, and to have been content with a fair day's wages for a fair day's labour. 'But, hold bard!' exclaimed the ringlabour. 'But, hold hard!' exclaimed the ring-leader; 'there are two words to that question; we are all pledged to stand or fall together, and not a stroke of work shall you do till we get our rights.'

- 'Rights!—it was pretty rights we were getting now, when the tyranny of our comrades was tyranny such as had never entered into the wildest dreams of the masters.' It was in vain that one man exclaimed bitterly, as he pointed to the dead body of claimed bitterly, as he pointed to the dead body of his child, 'See what you have brought me to! My child is starved to death; let me work, then, for those who are left, lest you bring them, with my lost darling, to the grave.'—'Better,' was the tyrannical reply, 'that they should die than that we should give up our rights.' And so the door closed on the unhappy father, and a pauper's grave received the child. 'See,' urged another, 'my home, once so bright and comfortable—what is left of it now!—look at these bare walls—look at that hear of clothes, my only bed, upon the floor!' lett of it now — look at these bare wans—look at that heap of clothes, my only bed, upon the floor!
— It cannot be helped,' was again the answer; 'better that all your goods should be sold than that the great cause should be lost.' And men who still had their home comforts around them shrugged their shoulders, and went off to talk to excited crowds about the sacrifices they were making for the people's good." We believe that many a desponding, broken-spirited father could

testify to the truth of this sketch just now; and we feel convinced that this simple tract cannot be, at the present juncture, too widely disseminated

throughout the country.

The Archer and the Steppe; or, the Empires of Scylhia: a History of Russia and Tartary. By F. R. Grahame. (Blackwood.)—As a summary, Mr. Grahame's narrative has several merits. It is succinct, clear, and based upon an extensive range of authorities, including the most recent. That it leaves a considerable part of the subject obscure is attributable to the fact, admitted by the most learned investigators, that the earlier periods in Tartar-and even in that which is called Russian -history are illuminated by little more than conjectural or traditionary records. The origin of the Russian people, and the date at which an Asiatic immigration pressed back the Finns upon the Baltic, are doubtful, and Mr. Grahame does well not to insist upon any special view in respect of The annals of the Russian Empire, Oustrialoff has endeavoured to compass, -although his work has not yet found its way into the English language, -are formidable to contemplate, so immense and various is their extent; but it must be conceded that no great interest would appertain to the archives-did such exist-of the Lapp and Samovede natives of the White Sea or the Frozen Ocean. Mr. Grahame has brought us the most striking points in the history, and presents a synop-tic view of long epochs, prodigious national developments, and political combinations, Asiatic in their magnitude and daring, the results of which to the state system of Europe may not yet have been ascertained.

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are most likely to puzzle the tyro.

The Life and Times of Dante. By R. de Véricour. (Hope.)-This book, written by the Professor of Modern Languages and Literature in the Queen's University, Ireland, affords valuable assistance to the student of Dante. It contains not only the biography implied in the title, but a minute ana-lysis of the 'Divina Commedia,' and an explanation of the allusions with which that work abounds. Thus the information usually found in notes is conveyed in a consecutive and readable form.

Egyptian Chronicles. With a Harmony of Sacred and Egyptian Chronology, and an Appendix of Babylonian and Assyrian Antiquities. By William Babylonian and Assyrian Antiquities. Palmer, M.A. 2 vols. (Longman & Co.)—There is always a certain amount of respect due to disinterested ambition, to patience, and to sincerity. To the propounding of his mystery, Mr. Palmer could have been urged only by philosophical and scholarly motives. But his hypethral Temple will attract, we fear, not many worshippers. It is true that he undertakes to melt the Seal of Solomon; but the language of the wise is apt to be obscure, and after an assiduous exploration of these volumes, we found it difficult, so mighty was the maze, to find our way back to the entrance of the labyrinth. Belzoni, the author reminds us, when travelling in the desert valley of Biban-el-Malouk, noticed a slight depression in the sand, indicative of rain having soaked through into some hidden cavity. He dug, and found himself in the most perfect and magnificent of all the royal Tombs in the Thebaid. In like way, Mr. Palmer's work "originated in an accidental observation of something as simple in its way as the depression of the sand which was remarked by Belzoni." The writer picked up a key, "only in an intellectual instead of a material sense," and opened the doors of six successive chambers, or, in other words, explanations and re-constructions of as many Egyptian Chronicles. The misfortune is, that when, with a patent key of palpable iron, gold, or brass, Aladdin admits himself into the palace, the treasures around him are tangible; he can fill his pockets with rubies, put a golden crown on his head, slip his

feet into the shoes of Cinderella, and certify by solid productions of bullion and gems that he has been to the incredible Exchequer. But critical keys open sometimes upon discoveries which criticism, in its materialistic obstinacy, hesitates to acknowledge. What, for example, is Mr. Palmer's, which he thinks has turned so softly in a lock never before picked by the Egyptologist? His own description of it is tedious, without being clear. idea of it may be suggested. The Old Chronicle pretends that, at the end of the last native dynasty, when the Persian Ochus had conquered Egypt, a series of twenty-five Sothic circles had been completed. At the confluence of two epochs between fifteen historical and fifteen mythical dynasties 453 years of the Sothic circle in fifteen generations are registered, the question being, to what circle they belonged. The first step in the inquiry was to dispose of Sothic circles altogether, as mere fanciful schemes of chronology. That which Mr. Palmer assumes to have accomplished, with a key of his own invention, is to have understood the composition of the Old Chronicle, and its date; and he thinks that, starting from this point, he made the re-construction of the five succeeding chronicles not only easy but certain. Thence he conducts the student through the shadows of Manetho, Eratosthenes, Ptolemy of Mendes, and the Greek and Latin authors, dealing with them boldly as an architect confident in the splendour, beauty, and symmetry of his restorations. The book exhibits large and various reading, is singularly laborious, and, as we have said, commands respect; but we regard the author's views, never-

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P.S.—In relation to the Free Handling of Subjects of inquiry, allow me to add, that no Just Free Handling of the present Facts respecting Species, will sanction Mr. Darwin's treatment of that subject. We may and do admit, That the outward form of life may be and often is changed; but this does not prove, that any Species is capable of change for any other Species; seeing that no outward form, to the extent of making new Varieties are of constant occurrence, but even the idea of the possibility of any change beyond this, is Assumption; so long as the distinction between Varieties and Species is not expressly Defined; which Mr. Darwin has not attempted to do, although such Definition is essential to growed in one actual Change to have been exceeded.

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THE HOME OF SHAKESPEARE. Stratford-on-Avon, April 3, 1861.

EVERYBODY here is obliged to your Correspondent last week. There is one point, however, which he has not insisted on so forcibly as could have been desired. I allude to the very singular anomaly that any one individual should have it in his power to order such a precious relic as the bust of Shakspeare to be spoilt. One would have thought that the abuse which has been heaped on Malone for his interference in the matter would have been sufficient warning to keep off all profane hands for the future, but it has turned out otherwise; and here, in the year of grace 1861, when seshetic and archæological tastes are supposed to be pretty generally diffused, we have a most atrocious piece of Vandalism perpetrated. If the result we now have be a true restoration, who will not be ready to forgive poor Malone for getting the bust painted white? But what makes me uneasy, and what I should wish you to use your powerful influence to prevent, is the possibility of our having some other "improvement" undertaken and executed any fine morning before anybody has heard of it. It seems imposbefore anybody has heard of it. It seems impossible that the bust can be allowed to remain in its present hideousness; and I beseech you to suggest some satisfactory arrangement which will insure the right thing being done.

The incompetency of some of our own "Shallows" has been demonstrated by their dealing with

the bust as well as with the pictures that adorn our Town Hall. These, including a portrait of Shak-speare by Wilson and one of Garriok by Gainsborough, have been taken out of their frames and intrusted to the same restorer who has spoilt the bust and made the noble discovery of a "Sir Godfrey." The story of this Sir Godfrey is worth telling. An unknown picture-cleaner appears in the town and makes the discovery that a hitherto unvalued picture hanging in our Town Hall, the property of the ture hanging in our Town Hall, the property of the Trustees of a deceased old lady, is a gem of Art, a genuine Sir Godfrey in his best manner; he acquires the treasure for 20%, presents it to the Corporation, and then persuades them that it requires cleaning, which he, in an equally disinterested manner, undertakes to do for twenty guineas!—the same price as he charges for "restraine" the hust storing" the bust.

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Your Correspondent, in his letter last week, pointed out how carefully we had attended to that part of Garrick's advice, given to the people of Stratford nearly a century ago, relating to the beautifying of our town, and how creditably we had striven to make it worthy of him who has made it a household word throughout the world. him who has made it a household word through-out the world. He has, however, omitted to tell how faithfully we have carried out the rest of that good advice, and it may be interesting to you to know that, on the 23rd, we are to have our annual dinner, under the presidency of Sir Robert Hamilton, a worthy gentleman of our neighbour-hood, well known for his services in the recent Indian Mutiny. The day will be further marked by the reading of one of Shakspeare's plays by a very competent gentleman, the Rev. Julian Young, Rector of Honington, and son of the great tragedian. Rector of Honington, and son of the great trageduan. With these attractions, therefore, and the sale of "New Place," where Shakspeare lived and died, not to speak of our "restored" bust and pictures and the notable genuine portrait, we hope to see many readers of the Athenæum, and are ready to give them all a right hearty welcome. C. give them all a right hearty welcome.

Stratford-on-Avon, April 2, 1861.

As a member of the Birthplace Committee and a reader of the Atheneum—an approving and admiring one of the Stratfordian article which appeared in the impression of last week—I venture to submit to you one or two queries on points which you can possibly adjudicate upon at once, but which, if not admitting of such prompt solution, you will probably concur with me in thinking of sufficient importance to demand investigation. tigation. Most persons who have ever been conducted to the spot, so hallowed and endeared to us all as the final resting-place of our Bard, by the worthy sacristan of the church, and placed by him in position for inspecting the mural monument, will remember the solemn enunciation made to them by that personage of the fact, that both Chantrey and Bell were of opinion that the bust had been modelled from a cast taken after death. Aided by the associations of the place, they probably found themselves insensibly awed into acquiescence, and deemed the veracity of the official and the judgment of the sculptors alike unimpeachable. While gazing of the sculptors alike unimpeachable. While gazing with rapt eye and mute reverence on an object of such mystic and entrancing interest, and predisposed, it may be, to catch at the veriest semblance of a shadow of probability in aid of their faith that the effigy before them really expressed the identical form and lineaments of the great original,—few, I fancy, of such spectators have ever thought of submitting to the alembic of a calm and dispassionate criticism the dictum of two such authorities. It has occurred to me as just possible that such as has occurred to me as just possible that such a judgment, if seriously affirmed, may have been both formed and accepted without consideration, and formed and accepted without consideration, and from frequent repetition have obtained a weight and a currency to which it is not fairly entitled. Hence I could wish to ascertain from persons better informed than myself whether the art of taking casts from the human face and cranium before or after death was known in that age, or, if known, practised,—and whether, if both known and practised, it is conceivable that such a mode of securing a resemblance of the deceased should have been resorted to in an obscure country town, where the higher qualities of the man found so scant a mea-

sure of appreciation, and where he seems to have sure of appreciation, and where he seems to have been remembered by his contemporaries chiefly for the geniality of his temperament and the sprightliness of his wit. Again, supposing him to to have been considered by his surviving relatives and boon companions worthy of so much care and consideration after his decease, would not some sculptor of more than local eminence have been sculptor of more than local eminence have been applied to, and some more costly and durable material employed than ordinary freestone? I question, again, whether, if a cast had been taken, Nature would have exhibited on that majestic brow so-smooth a surface; for, irrespectively of phrenological considerations, it does not in my opinion present so much as the normal measure of superficial inequalities. Another question which I would fain have mooted is this: Were sepulchral effigies in those days ever, or usually, intended to represent the exact form and features of the original? M.

THE GORILLA AND THE NEGRO.

London, March 30, 1861.
YOUR Reporter gave faithfully the substance of my Lecture at the Royal Institution; but the Artist has been less successful in his copy of the cerebral diagrams. In their details the most careful draughteman requires the revision of the anatomist. The proportion, however, of the cerebrum to the cerebellum cannot be shown in a dissection, in which part of the former is removed: for the true which part of the former is reinforced; for the true-proportion in which the cerebrum covers the cere-bellum in the highest Apes, reference should be made to the figure of the undissected brain of the Chimpanzee, in my 'Reade's Lecture on the Classi-fication, &c. of the Mammalia,' p. 25, fig. 7, 8vo.

RICHARD OWEN.

EMBROIDERY AND BOOKBINDINGS.

AN Exhibition of considerable novelty and in-terest to lovers of Mediaval Art is now open at the rooms of the Archeological Institute, 26, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall. It consists entirely of two-branches, viz., Needlework and Bookbinding. Those who have only seen faded and tarnished nose who have only seen haded and tarnished embroideries, such as grandmothers' samplers and ornamented petticoats, can have little idea of the freshness and brilliancy of many of the church vestments and hangings that have been kept with religious care for five or six centuries. Copes, ments and hangings that have been kept with religious care for five or six centuries. Copes, chasubles and altar-fronts, with shining gold and silver patterns and bright silks upon rich crimson and green velvets, are, when we consider that the earliest among them date somewhere about 1180 and the latest about 1520, really subjects of wonder. A chasuble of the twelfth century, where a rich blue ground predominates, and on which a graceful pattern of narrow yellowish stripes is well distributed, deserves comparison with the painted glass windows of the same period. The well distributed, deserves comparison with the painted glass windows of the same period. The extraordinarily fine and well-preserved cope from Sion College, and recently the property of the Earl of Shrewsbury, is also exhibited by the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, of Newport. The Coronation of the Vicini perhypoiders; on the centre of it and the Dr. Browne, of Newport. The Coronation of the Virgin embroidered on the centre of it, and the numerous figures of Apostles and Saints spread over the large semicircular surface, have exactly the appearance of a manuscript illumination of the time of Edward the First; whilst the orfrey round it, composed of actual as well as fanciful shields of arms, belongs evidently to a subsequent date. — A richly decorated chasuble of adark colour, circa 1450, exhibited by Sir Edward Blount, Bart., affords an excellent example of the decorative ornament of the period, and a rich crimson velvet chasuble of the sixteenth century, contributed by the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, of crimson velvet chasuble of the sixteenth century, contributed by the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, of Newport, deserves attention for the embroidery of the figures upon it, and especially for the manner in which the Crucifixion is represented. The Saviour is literally suspended on a leafless tree with a green bark and full of knots and lopped branches. or the centre of a chasuble of the sixteenth century, the property of the Rector of Stonyhurst College, may be observed the curious effigy of the Saviour in a long black tunic, suspended on a cross, with the sacramental cup below one of the feet,

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The most magnificent specimen in the collection is a large cope of crimson and gold, formerly belonging to Henry the Seventh, adorned with the Beaufort badge of the portcullis, and bordered with SS and portcullises at intervals on a smaller scale. The colours and workmanship are in perfect pre-servation, and as an example both of style and execution may be considered unsurpassed in that execution may be considered unsurpassed in that department. Among curiosities hanging on the wall may be observed a looking glass surrounded with embroiderey which belonged to Nell Gwynn. An embroidered purse for the Great Seal belonging to a Lord Chancellor, and so often seen in pictures of that dignitary, is a curious reality; and many other objects of interest must be passed over, to say nothing of beautiful Venetian, Indian, and French stuffs, with various tissues of oriental fabric. The mitre of Thomas à Becket, of a white material. with a rich gold pattern spreading over it, is a rich example of early workmanship. It was recently transferred from the Cathedral of Sens to Cardinal Wiseman, and is exhibited on the present occasion by his Eminence, who also contributes the apparel of an Amice decorated with a remarkably chaste

string of ornament. The books, carefully arranged in central cases, afford an interesting and much less disconnected sequel to the early embroideries than might at first be expected. The principles of patterns are much the same in both. The needle was extensively employed for the decorations of early bindings and book-covers, as well as stoles, chasubles and copes. Magnificent examples of all periods, and the bindings of all countries may be seen here, and for them especially the name of Mr. Felix Slade, who exhibits some thirty at least, affords a guarantee. Messrs. Foss, Payne, Colnaghi, Graves, Kerslake and Francis Harvey have also contributed largely to the collection, and it is satisfactory to observe the high rank held among them by living French and English binders. The older book-covers indicate their former possessorship by the devices upon them, and by this means we recognize the original property of our English Edward the Sixth, Charles the First (when Prince of Wales), his elder brother, Franch royal property may be noted books of Francis the First, Diane de Poictiers (marked with the crescent), Henri the Second and Henri the Third. A volume belonging to William First Lord Howard, of Effingham, and father of the hero of the fleet that dispersed the Spanish Armada, merits notice as a relic of great historic interest The collection will remain on view till Wednesday next. In June an assemblage of antique gems, including also the celebrated Marlborough, Arundel and Bessborough gems from Blenheim, will command a decided and very unusual amount of in-

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Munich, March 29th, 1861. At Baron Liebig's a few days since, Mr. Bauer, "submarine engineer," exhibited his model of a new diving apparatus for exploring the bottom, for pearl or coral fisheries, for bringing up samples of plants or seaweed, for laying the foundation of breakwaters or the piers of bridges, or for raising sunken vessels and treasure. A more practical opportunity of testing his invention has just been afforded him by a commission to raise the steamer which sank in the Lake of Constance, but everyone who saw the working of his small model was perfectly satisfied. Mr. Bauer has already taken out a patent in England, and he was two and a half years in the country endeavouring to get the Admiralty to adopt his invention. Perhaps the Committee, which is appointed to investigate the Admiralty, may wish to know of this case of their patronage; and perhaps Sir Baldwin Walker, whose flight has been so much commented upon, may remember refusing to notice Mr. Bauer's discoveries because the Admiralty preferred fighting above water to fighting below it

The objections to the open diving-bell and to the helmet and diving-dress are too well known to need

objections already existing, without bringing new ones into play. His apparatus is completely closed; the diver enters through a door at the top, which is afterwards hermetically sealed, and he takes down air enough to last six or seven hours, after which it can be renewed by means of tubes communicating with the ship on the surface, or purified by the introduction of oxygen. The apparatus is of a cylindrical form, with a double bottom for the reception of water-ballast, which is pumped in or out from within, with bull's-eyes in front, on the sides, at the bottom and overhead, a screw-propeller worked by hand from within the chamber, a rudder and a smaller screw to make it revolve on its axis. Besides these means of locomotion, it is fitted with a pair of paddle-wheels for moving along the bottom, with an anchor to resist powerful currents, and with weights which can be suddenly dropped if the conductor wishes suddenly to rise. All these properties are described in detail in the specification of Mr. Bauer's Patent, dated the 3rd of March, 1860. For digging up plants, for pearl or coral fishery, or for raising specie, the apparatus is fitted in front with shovels, scoops, spoons, or tongs, which are worked from within the chamber. For raising sunken vessels, balloons are used of strong material, such as alternate layers of canvas and caoutchouc, and inclosed in a network of stout cords with an iron ring at the bottom. These balloons are lowered empty to the apparatus, and are fastened round the vessel to be raised to an iron pin previously driven in by the operator. They are then inflated by a force-pump from the ship above, and as they are all open at the neck the air within regulates itself in proportion to the pres-sure of the water without risk of bursting the bal-As soon as all the balloons are fastened round the ship and inflated the ship rises of itself,a great improvement it must be admitted on all the previously existing means of operation. Mr. Bauer showed all these parts of his invention with a bal-loon and a considerable weight at Baron Liebig's with perfect success. He took the stone, which bore the same proportion to his model that a large stone would bear to his apparatus, lowered it gradually to the spot determined, made it advance under water, on the surface, made it sink gradually while moving ahead, and then made it rise by the inflation of a balloon. I could not but admit the entire success of the apparatus, and regret that England did not see fit to secure it. But when Mr. Bauer, on meeting with a refusal from the Admiralty, desired to offer it to private speculation, that sagacious Board informed him that they would not allow its introduction into England because the Act of 1834 forbade the adoption of anything which might be used for smuggling, and his apparatus was most eminently fitted for that purpo

Last week we had a prize-play within an ace of being hissed off the stage, but saved, I presume, through consideration for the King, who gave the prize and was present at its failure. The prize was offered for a play taken out of Bavarian history; the name of this was 'Maximilian,' and the scene was laid towards the conclusion of the Thirty Years' War. There was great difficulty in recognizing the noble stern warrior whom Thorwaldsen has perpetuated in native bronze, in the pious twaddling old gentleman we saw on the stage, who talked bigotry the first four acts, and was finally converted to toleration in a scene copied from the interview of Rosa with Philip in 'Don Carlos.' There was also a rhymed prologue on the model of Schiller's 'Wallenstein's Camp,' which was, perhaps, the best part of the play, especially as the scene-painter had drawn the old "Schrannen-Platz" with a truth and fidelity excelling the dramatist.

I spare you all the ejaculations of "Deutschland's Muth," and all the allusions to the Vaterland.

Another of the statues for the Richmond monu ment to Washington has been cast in the Bronze Foundry, and I had the fortune to be present. While we waited for the melting of the bronze, we inspected the plaster models of the statues already cast in the foundry. There is Crawford's fine equestrian statue of Washington, forming the centre of the monument, and several energetic figures

Mr. Bauer's invention gets rid of the | which surround it; a clumsy and awkward Bolivar by Tadolini; Rietschel's noble group of Goethe by Tadolini; Kietschei's noble group of Greene and Schiller in Weimar; two hideous likenesses of the King of Naples, the original Bomba; Gibson's Huskisson, looking very inappropriately dressed for the climate of Liverpool; and some Swedish street-statues by Fogelberg. The fires kept us waiting from 11 A.M. till 41 P.M., at which hour the door was opened, showing us the seething metal, like the fiery scrpents before they were launched on Israel, writhing and twisting in their glowing furnace. Mr. Miller put in his shovel to test the heat, and as it came out red hot in a minute, pronounced all ready. The channel of communication was swept free of charcoal and blown free of dust: the air-holes into the mould were opened, and hot iron bars held against the holes through which the metal was to pour; the battering ram was slung ready by the iron plate that held the metal back; and then Mr. Miller took off his cap and said, "In God's name let us begin!" At this all uncovered, and the workmen offered prayers for the success of the casting. When the battering-ram had struck several times the plate fell in, and there was a long gush of white liquid into the channel, hissing and bubbling and liquid into the channel, hissing and licking its tongue, like the fire of the Lord which fell upon Elijah's altar, which consumed "the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench."

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP

THE President and Council of the Microscopical Society of London have issued cards for an evening reception on Wednesday next, at King's College.
The Annual General Meeting of the British
Archæological Association will be held on Wednes-

The yearly meeting and dinner of the Ethnological Society will be held on Wednesday, May 15.
Mr. Crawfurd will deliver the customary address. The Council of this Society are making efforts to bring its services and capacities more completely under notice of scholars, with a view to strengthen its position and extend its sphere. With this object, they have issued a statement to the Members, and announced their design to hold fortnightly, in place of monthly, meetings, during the present session, experimentally.

A fine bust of William Pitt, by Nollekens, has been presented by Lord Granville to the National Portrait Gallery in Westminster. We recently had occasion to record a new step taken by the Trustees in the admission of busts, as a means of portraiture, to their collection. This donation of the Lord President of the Council is an important confirmation of their views, and the Trustees have still further marked their resolution by the acquisition of a very spirited bust in terra-cotta of Hogarth, our great satirist in the language of The bust is modelled by Roubiliac, and nainting. represents the painter in a loose dress, with a full cap, or turban, on his head. The palette and brushes are introduced on the pedestal. The expression of his face is sharp and animated, more in accordance with our knowledge of the man through his works than the portrait with his dog in the National Gallery. The features, however, thoroughly correspond in both likenesses, and a gash, or cut, on his right temple, not yet explained or noticed by his biographers, serves still more closely to complete the identity. The bust be-longed to Mr. Baker, of St. Paul's Churchyard, a name well known to collectors of Hogarth's works. A small miniature of Mrs. Fry, with Newgatebars in the background, has recently been added to the collection; whilst a head—life size—of Horace Walpole, by some unknown artist, but painted with great power and truthfulness to nature, worthy almost of Reynolds, has been suspended on the staircase. An admirably painted profile of George the Fourth, studied from the life, for the head on the sovereigns and half-crowns of our coinage, is an unfinished picture, but sufficient as comage, is an unmission at present, our summers as a record of his finely-chiselled features. All the dress below his high black cravat is sketchy in the extreme. The riband of the garter is indicated, and the painter had clearly designed to

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represent the monarch in plated armour; which, if the intention had been carried out, would have formed a ridiculous combination with the heavy and dark incumbrance round his neck. The Gallery is now relieved from the restriction of tickets, and the public is at liberty to walk in on Wednesdays and Saturdays as freely as to the British Museum or to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. The narrowness and inconvenience of the rooms The narrowness and inconvenience of the rooms preclude all expectation of anything like a regular or systematic classification of the pictures; but during the recess, and in the long interval of autumn, when the Trustees do not meet to purchase works of Art, surely something towards this good purpose might be done.

The Secretary of the National Portrait Gallery delivered a Lecture at the Islington Literary and Scientific Society 'On the Curiosities and Fallacies of Portraiture' in the course of last week. The subject, being illustrated with engravings and numerous diagrams, excited considerable interest. Mr. Gladstone, a short time ago, consulted Sir Henry James on the possibility of copying our ancient records by means of his process of photozincography. A small deed of the date of Edward the First was copied and printed with so much The Secretary of the National Portrait Gallery

the First was copied and printed, with so much the First was copied and printed, with so much success, and at so trifling an expense, that Lord Herbert of Lea, the Secretary-at-War, ordered the impressions to be bound up with the yearly Report on the Ordnance Survey. Thus encouraged, Sir Henry James got permission from the Lords of the Treasury to copy that part of the Domesday Book which relates to Cornwall, as an experiment. He has now achieved this commission, with a result which should certainly encourage the further prosecution of the design, county by county, as appears to have been originally proposed by him. Those who care to have no more of Domesday Book on their shelves than relates to their own shire, can buy the local part. Those who wish to have the whole can bind the several parts into volumes. The work is to be published at cost price, or

Mr. Claudet has published a very elegant photograph of the late Duchess of Kent. Here we have the lady in her habit as she lived, kindly and sagacious in expression, and with that fullness of blood and life which a man delights to find in the portraits of an ancestor, as showing original strength of stock. Such a portrait will have many admirers, and will indeed be necessary to those who have established Books of the Royal

Family on their drawing-room tables.

In the first paragraph of our article on the Rev. The Brist paragraph of our article on the Rev. T. Corser's 'Collectanea Anglo-Poetica,' Sir Walter Raleigh was represented as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, instead of Lord Warden of the Stannaries. The argument in favour of Raleigh's claim to the poem of 'The Silent Lover' is the same either way: it belongs to the Lord Warden, and not to the Lord Walden, as Ritson and others have supposed. There are many manuscripts of 'The Silent Lover,' which give it to Raleigh, and there is no doubt as to his property in it. The Rev. John Hannah, in his 'Poems of Wotton, Raleigh and others, 12mo. 1845, did not detect the literal error of Walden for "Warden"; but he showed to how many various persons 'The Silent Lover' had in times past been attributed, even down to the year 1844, when it was included in an edition of Sir Robert Ayton's poems printed at Edinburgh.

An antiquary and author of much local repute An antiquary and author or much local repute has recently passed away, at the age of eighty-one. The Rev. George Oliver, D.D., late of Exeter, was a Roman Catholic. Born at Newington, Surrey, February 9th, 1781, he was educated at Sedgley Park and Stoneyhurst, at which latter place he subsequently taught Humanities for five years, and was ordained in 1806. He was appointed to the Exeter Missionin October, 1807, and from that time to his death, a period of nearly fifty-four years, has been a resident in Devonshire, labouring with the enthusiasm of the antiquary and the man of letters. His Doctor's degree was conferred upon him, without his knowledge, by Gregory XVI., September 15th, 1844. The varied learning, the winning manners, and the affectionate disposition of Dr. Oliver endeared him to all. His earliest Eugène Sue, Jules Janin, Ponsard, Théophile

work was 'Historic Collections relating to the Monasteries in Devon,' 1820, privately printed, and now scarce. The following are the principal of those published subsequently:—'The History of Exeter,' 1821, 'Cliffordiana' a history of the House Exeter, '1821, 'Cliffordiana' a history of the House of Clifford, 1828, 'Collections for a 'History of the Society of Jesus,' 1838 and 1845, 'Ecclesiastical Antiquities in Devon,' 3 vols. 1839-1842, 'Monasticon Diocesis Exoniensis,' 1846, a large folio, his most important and valuable work, and 'Collections illustrating the History of the Catholic Religion in the Western Counties,' 1857. His latest published work was 'The Lives of the Bishops of Exeter, and a History of the Cathedral,' which was in the hands of the subscribers only about three in the hands of the subscribers only about three weeks before his death. In conjunction with Mr. weeks before his death. In conjunction with Mr. Pitman Jones, he compiled a 'History of the Exeter Guildhall,' 1845; assisted to a great extent in editing Mr. Ralph Barnes's 'Liber Pontificalis' of Bishop Lacy, 1847, and had much to do in preparing for the press Westcote's 'View of Devon' till 1845 in manuscript. Two other works on County History are said to be ready for the press. From the above list it will be seen that Dr. Oliver's contributions to the archæology and history of Devon and the adjoining counties are neither few nor un-

important. A friend in Paris, in a letter full of the light gossip of that capital, says: — "The habit of setting forth, for the amusement of the public, setting forth, for the amusement of the public, the private life and the appearance of every man whose name is known on the Boulevards has been caught by De Lamartine, among others. I find revelations of his meetings with illustrious friends made the subject of a feuilleton in 'Figaro-Programme'—a new entracte. His first acquaintance with Royer-Collard, Victor Hugo, Alfred de Vigny and Balzac, are so many little charters making so many litmes. It would little chapters, making so many lignes. It would appear that the Duke of Rohan took De Lamartine to Hugo's house. Hugo is described at work; his curls matted upon his broad brow by the severity of his labour. But the second and sudden meeting is picturesque. M. De Lamartine says:

—'A few years later, his (Hugo's) renown had grown with his years and with his works. He was married, and had already several cradles about his hearth. I was spending a diplomatic holiday by the valley of Saint-Point, in my native mountains. I saw approach, along the paths opposite my window, through the chestnut-trees, a caravan of travellers—men, women and children;—some on foot, others on "mules of thoughtful footstep," as the poet says. The caravan soon reached the sandy foot of the mountains, crossed the stream and the meadows, and climbed the ledge, to the château. It was Victor Hugo and Charles Nodier, followed by their charming wives and fine children. They had come to beg my hospitality for a few days, on their way to Switzerland. Charles Nodier days, on their way to Switzerland. Charles Nodier was the boon friend of everything glorious. It was his business to love the grand. He felt himself on level ground only at the summits. His indolence prevented him from producing finished works; but he was equal to all he admired. He was content to sport with his genius and his sensibility—like a child with its mother's jewel-case. He threw away precious stones like sand. This carelessness about his wealth made him the Diderot-but the Diderot without noise or charlatanism —of our time. We loved one another for our hearts, not for our talents. He was a chimneyorner man—a familiar genius—a general confidant—the loss of whom does not appear so great as that of a lofty reputation. But the loss deepens incessantly; for it is in the heart. The poetic caravan continued its route towards the Alps. I saw it disappear behind the mountain. Since that halt of his (Hugo's), we have remained friends, in spite of systems, of opinions, of revolutions, of different political creeds. For these are of the hour, and change with the hour; but poetry and friendship are in the dominion of eternal things; they are of the city of God. We shake off the dust of terrestrial cities as we enter.' But we presently find M. De Lamartine at Madame Emile

Gautier, Cavarrus, Morpurgo, and 'the charming D'Orsay.' M. De Lamartine becomes poetic over the gay Count; the Count having modelled the head of the poet. All this is amusing; and appears to be enjoyed as much by the folk who are served up for the amusement of the public, as by the writers who flavour the dish."

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, with the aid of Mr. John Parry, have established a new entertainment, under the title of 'Our Card Basket,' one of the most amusing in which these drawing-room comedians have ever appeared. All three have a great deal to do, and they do it in their very best

On the question of Mr. Major's researches into the early voyages to Australia, we give the follow-

the early voyages to Australia, we give the following note:—
"Will you grant me space for a remark or two on
the subject of Australian discovery. I find a statement in your last number, as to the discovery, by
Mr. R. H. Major, of a chart in the British
Museum, proving the first discovery of Australia to
have been made in 1601, by Manoel Godinho di Eredia. In the Narrative of my late father, Capt. Flinders, R.N., mention is made of two charts pre-served in the British Museum, dated as far back as 1542, in which the north and north-west coasts of Australia are pretty accurately laid down, under the name of 'Great Java,' it is true,—but agreeing more nearly ' with the position and extent of Terra Australis than with any other land,—and the direc-tion given to some parts of the coast approaches too near to the truth for the whole to have been marked by conjecture alone.....It may be admitted marked by conjecture alone.....It may be admitted that a part of the north and north-west coasts, where the coincidence of form is most striking, might have been seen by the Portuguese themselves before the year 1540, in their voyages to and from India.'—(Voyage to Terra Aust. Vol. I., Introd. pp. 5, 6.) I have not the pleasure of knowing Mr. Major, and not having seen his work, 'Early Voyages to Terra Australis,' I cannot say what coal's the attaches to the pleasure annual sharts, but credit he attaches to the above-named charts; but the subject is interesting to those connected with

the subject is interesting to those connected with the explorers of the Australian Continent,—may I say, especially to the daughter of one who sacrificed his liberty, fortune and life to his zeal for discovery in that 'land of problems,' as it has well been called. I am, &c. ANNE PETEL."

From Rome we hear:—"The celebrated Museum, which was collected by the Marchese Campana with so much artistic and scientific intelligence, and with a passion which has never been exceeded, has been divided, lotted out and sold. One of the most interesting features of this splendid Museum was that it was a out and sold. One of the most interesting leatures of this splendid Museum was that it was a continuous monumental history of Art,—a history at the same time through thirty centuries of the civilization of Italy and the world. It has been, therefore, the special object of Campana to preserve it in all its entirety, and several advantageous offers have been made for the purchase of portions of the collection, which were, however, refused. Thus, the British Government made an offer, I am informed, of 30,000l. for a part, and the French Government offered 3,000,000 francs for a selection of the articles of the Museum-both of which were declined when the Museum was the property of Campana. At this political crisis, however, when money is wanted for oppression, the Papal Government, into whose hands the collection has a contract of the rapal Government, into whose hands the col-lection has passed, from circumstances well known to the world, has permitted the Emperor of Russia to make a selection of the gems of the Museum, for 150,000 Roman scudi. At the moment the contract was being drawn up, an offer arrived from another Government, I believe the French, for the purchase of the entire Museum at the price of 7,000,000 francs; but the Emperor of Russia of 7,000,000 francs; but the Emperor of Russia has carried the day, and has been permitted to rifle the collection of its gems, giving 150,000 scudi as hush-money,—for to speak of such a sum as the value of the articles would be absurd. The Papal Government, by such an act, has not only done an injury to Italy by thus destroying its monumental story—has not only consulted badly for its pecuniary interests by selling articles of inappreciable value for a mess of pottage, but has broken faith with Campana. When the Marchese Campana gave up

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the collection, under the unhappy circumstances so well known, a verbal promise was given to him. I am assured, by the Minister of Finance, the Cardinal-Secretary of State, and the Pope, that the collection should be preserved entire and kept in the country. He has, therefore, made a protest against the sale both to the Papal Government and to the Minister of Russia, though, as you may believe, without producing any results. The Emperor makes no account of it, and the Pope-King is not bound by his word. The objects sold to the Emperor of Russia are as follows:—21 primitive vases, 14 with black varnish; 138 Etruscan vases of the primitive style; 10 Rithon: 35 Arctini: 35 Nola vases; 24 Cumæ ditto; 35 vases of Rome and Magna Græcia: 23 candlesticks-bronzes: 4 trophies; 7 pieces of arms; 3 ditto; 6 candelabra; 20 looking-glasses; 14 different objects; 22 vases; 14 pieces of sculpture. Statues, busts, sarcophagi, an object in gold, 79. All this for the precise sum of 150,000 scudi: 734 pieces, which, as each constitutes a portion of a complete collection, destroys the peculiar value of the entire Museum, Amongst the statues, it is asserted, are the Nine Muses, which are much superior to those of the Vatican."

FRENCH EXHIBITION.—The EIGHTH ANNUAL EX-HIBITION of PICTURES, the contributions of Artists of the French and Jemish Schools, is NOW OPEN, at the Gallery, 190, Pall Mall, opposite the Opera Colonnade. Admission, One Shilling; Catalogue, Sixpence. Open from 10

THE PURSUIT OF PLEASURE.—This grand and solemn Picture, by J. Noel Paton, R.S.A., containing upwards of Thirty Figures, is NOW on VIEW at the GERMAN GAL-LERY, 168, New Bond Street, from Ten to Five.—Admission, One Shilling.

HOLMAN HUNT'S GREAT PICTURE.—The EXHIBITION of Holman Hunt's celebrated Picture of 'THE FINDING of the SA' 100 R in the TEMPLE, began in Jersasiem in 1884, of the SA' 100 R in the TEMPLE, began in Jersasiem in 1884, Signature of the Saint S

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EUGENE VERBOECKHOVEN'S GREAT PICTURE, CATTLE LEAVING THE FARM 'XARD,' WILL BE OPEN for Public Exhibition as No. 3, Hanover Square, on and after the 8th of April. This Picture is the largest composition ever painted by this great Flemish Master, on which he has been engaged for the last three years.—Open from Ten till dusk.—Admission, One Shilling.

ROYAL GOLOSSBUM — EASTER HOLIDAYS.—AN ENTIRELY NEW SBRIES OF ENTERTAIN MENTS and EXHIBITIONS, consisting of a NEW CHARACTER MONDLOGUE.—DISSOLVING VIEW ENTERTAIN MENT, vocally illustrated.—MODERN MAGICAN SPIRIT RAPPING, Illustrated of the control of the control

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION (Limited), \$60, Regent Street.
—In addition to the usual attractions in the Scientific Department, Mr. FRBDERICK CHATTERTON will give, during Easter, at a Quarter before Eight (except Saturdays, when at Three o'clock), his highly interesting Entertainment on the BARDS and HARPS of ALL NATIONS. The great care and research which are displayed in his Lecture, together with the thrilling sweep of this unrivalled Harpist, cannot fail to convey satisfaction.—Reserved Seats, 2x.; Stalls, 5x.

SCIENCE

ROYAL.-March 21.-General Sabine, Treasurer and V.P., in the chair.—The following papers were 'read :- 'On the Relations of the Vomer, Ethnoid, and Intermaxillary Bones,' by J. Cleland, M.D.-On the Structure and Growth of the Tooth of Echinus, by S. J. Salter, Esq.

GEOLOGICAL. — March 20.—L. Horner, Esq., President, in the chair.—The following communications were read:- 'On a Collection of Fossil Plants from the Nagpur Territory, Central India, by Sir C. Bunbury, Bart.—'On the Age of the Fossiliferous thin-bedded Sandstones and Coal-beds of the Province of Nagpur, Central India, by the Rev. Stephen Hislop.—'On the Geological Age of the Coal-bearing Rocks of New South Wales,' by the Rev. W. B. Clarke.—'On some Reptilian Remains from North-Western Bengal,' by Prof. T. H. Huxley.

BRITISH ARCH BOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION .- March 27.—T. J. Pettigrew, V.P., in the chair.—Lord Boston, M. Adderley, Esq. and J. H. Holdsworth,

Esq., were elected Associates.—The Rev. T. Wiltexhibited two forged flint implements from Yorkshire, one of a grey, the other a black colour. They strikingly resembled the celts obtained from the drift, gravel, &c. at Abbeville and other places. variety of beautiful specimens obtained from the collections of the late Mr. Beckford and others.— Mr. Cuming also exhibited numerous examples of watch-chains from his own collection and those of Dr. Iliff, Mr. A. Thompson and Mr. Wood .- A paper 'On the History of, and Associations con-nected with, Ludlow Castle,' written for the Shropshire Congress by Dr. Beattie, was read.

NUMISMATIO. — March 21.—W. S. W. Vaux, Esq., President, in the chair.—J. S. Virtue, Esq. was duly elected a Member of the Society.—Mr. Evans read a short paper on the well-known Medallion of Commodus, with the reverse HERC. ROM. CONDITORI., in which he entered into the habits and freaks of this Emperor, and why he called himself Hercules. He is said to have fought in the arena 730 times, and to have received for a fort-night at a time 100,000 sesterces per diem, say about 8,000%.—He changed the name of September to that of Heracleus, and even called Rome Colonia Commodiana, which title the Senate ratified, and accepted for themselves that of Senatus Commodianus. The type of the above coin refers to the Emperor ploughing out the boundary of the New Colony. Mr. Evans gave many more interesting details relative to this inhuman Emperor, and concluded by saying, that the coin must have been struck before he resigned the name of Hercules as unworthy of his prowess, and adopted the title of "The Conqueror of 1.000 Gladiators."—Mr. De Salis "The Conqueror of 1,000 Gladiators. exhibited an early Gold Merovingian coin.—Mr. Lockhart exhibited the following coins and ornaments:-a Bone on which was a coin of Tetricus, jun. (3rd brass), found at the corner of Blomfield Street, City, -specimens of stamped Chinese Brass for ornaments, a small cabinet of Chinese Medals, various specimens of old Chinese Coins, Knife, Money, &c., and a frame, showing how the Chinese money is cast in fine sand.

CHEMICAL.—March 30.—Anniversary Meeting.
—Prof. Brodie, President, in the chair.—The Report of the Council was read, from which it appeared that the Society consisted of 342 Fellows, 30 Foreign Members and 10 Associates. During the year there had been a loss of 3 Fellows by death, and an acquisition of 22 new Fellows, making an increase of 19. At the ordinary Meetings of the Society there had been 33 papers read and four lectures delivered.—The following were elected officers and Council for the ensuing year:—President, A. W. Hofmann, Ph.D.; Vice-Presidents, W. T. Brande, B. C. Brodie, C. G. B. Daubeny, M.D., T. Graham, W. A. Miller, M.D., Lyon Playfair, Ph.D., Col. P. Yorke, H. Bence Jones, M.D., R. Porrett, A. Smee and A. W. Williamson, Ph.D.; Secretaries, T. Redwood, Ph.D. and W. Odling; Foreign Secretary, E. Frankland, Ph.D.; Treasurer, Warren De La Rue, Ph.D.; Council, T. Andrews, M.D., W. Francis, Ph.D., J. H. Gladstone, Ph.D., G. D. Longstaff, M.D., W. Marcet, M.D., J. Mercer, A. R. L. M. Normandy, W. H. Perkin, H. E. Roscoe, Ph.D., E. Schunck, Ph.D., J. Stenhouse, LL.D. and R. Warington. delivered .- The following were elected officers and

ETHNOLOGICAL—April 3.—J. Crawfurd, Esq., President, in the chair.—Andrew Long and E. V. Gardner, Esqs., were elected Fellows.—Mr. Macintosh read a paper detailing the results of his Ethnological Observations in England and Wales.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Jan. 25.—The Rev. J. Barlow, V.P., in the chair.—'On the Nature of the Deep-Sea Bed, and the Presence of Animal Life at Vast Depths in the Ocean,' by Dr. G. C.

March 1 .- Sir H. Holland, Bart., in the chair.

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— On Bunsen and Kirchhoff's Spectrum Observa-tions,' by H. E. Roscoe, Esq., April 1.—W. Pole, Esq., Treas. and V.P., in the chair.—W. R. Ancrum, Esq., S. J. Good-fellow, M.D. and W. Newmarch, Esq., were elected

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ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION

On the whole the Architectural Exhibition displays an advance of taste and ability on the part of plays an advance of taste and acuity on one part or its contributors. The ten preceding collections may not unreasonably be said to have brought this about, probably by the much-desired opportunity afforded of comparing the productions of our leading designers with those of younger men, aspirants of more or less ability educated to a certain extent to supply new requirements. Comparison by juxtaposition of these two classes has certainly been beneficial to both; whereas, of old, the design of a new building was unseen by the public and the mass of the profession until the edifice was actually complete, now there is a chance of open comment being made upon its merits or demerits, and even if too late to remedy the errors of the current instance, the architect may be warned for future efforts by candid criticism and discussion. We consider the improvement noticeable this year to consist in a great diminution of the number of bizarre works, the mere excesses of inexperienced designers, or vagaries of confirmed eccentric architects. The last class was a large one, and mainly developed itself in queer, many-towered, many-proofed, and many-porched edifices, mostly with multitudes of little poky pinnacles that pointed Heavenward without purpose and without meaning. We observe far greater attention paid to simplicity of construction, judicious massing of light and shade, colour in disposition of exterior materials, and general repose and solidity of grouping and ornament. These are hopeful signs. of pseudo-classic works is evidently on the decrease, the majority here being decidedly Gothic in fundamental principle, if not Gothic in mere manner. Many of the classic examples are based upon honest constructive rules, and do not sacrifice all qualities to the traditional conventionalities of Art. is as it should be, and precisely what every lover of Art must desire if his admiration be based on an intelligent recognition of the only trustworthy

rules sanctioned by time and experience.

No. 4 contains a Selection of Sketches by the Class of Design of the Architectural Association—Session 1859-1860. These are by various hands, consisting of clock towers, ceilings, factory chimneys, shop-fronts, windows and fonts. We may notice 3rd, 6th and 7th examples, designed by Mr. W. T. Sams, especially the first named, a lumpy and mediævalized *Town Hall*. The second is better, —A Factory Chinney, with chamfered angles, a somewhat heavy head and iron-work at top,—on the whole more like a tower than a chimney. The third also errs in heaviness. Beneath a square shaft is a pedestal with four porches inclosed by an iron railing: above the pedestal is a balcony with four door ways opening upon it. In the square shaft are windows which fail to make the aspect of the whole windows which rail to make the aspect of the whose lighter; the space for the clock-face (for this is styled a clock tower) is supported in brackets and termi-nates in a pinnacle with a vane,—A very desirable

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thing was intended by Mr. J. Clayton when he conceived Proposed Restoration of the Old Town Hall, Hereford (7). This most interesting building has been ruthlessly swept away; here the architect shows what it might have been made by restoration. We think he renders the wooden piers of the arcade beneath the first story rather thin and spider-legged, therefore somewhat out of keeping with the solid dignity and picturesque beauty of the upper portion and roof.—St. James's School, Marylebone (10), Messrs. Wilson & Nicholl, is well composed, much simplicity and grace being gained out of a mere house.—The Elevation of Six Houses erected in Harbour Street, Folkestone (29), by Messrs. Walton & Robson, is satisfactory enough. Messrs. Walton & Robson, is satisfactory enough, but lacks novelty. Much the same may be said but lacks novelty. Much the same may be said for No. 31, Design submitted in Competition for the Liverpool Cemetery, by Mr. J. K. Colling, which has the usual porch and windows, a broach spire, belfry, &c.—St. Peter's Schools, Vauxhall (34), by Mr. J. L. Pearson, are rather good, but have a scattered effect.—Classical, but more practical than No. 12, is No. 36, The Leeds Mechanics' Institution and School of Art—first prize, by Mr. Cuthbert Brodrick. This exhibits the abomination of little bulbous domes also rouge of similar tion of little bulbous domes, also rows of similar round-headed windows,—all alike unbeautiful. silly vases on the parapet, which in itself is cumbersome and unmeaning.—No. 38, A Small and Inex-pensive Church, with Schools attached, by Mr. Thomas Harris, justifies its title, being simple and

good.

No. 39 is a Design for the East Window, St.

Phillip's, Kensington, exhibited by Messrs. Heaton
& Butler. The central group of the Adoration of
the Shepherds is unusually well composed and good. Nos. 42 and 47, photographs, Entrance Porch and Window of a House erected at Knight's Hill, Nor-Window of a House erected at Knight's Hill, Norwood, are both extremely elegant and beautiful of their kind, with much simple refinement of ornamentation.—Another work by Mr. Cuthbert Brodrick, Design for New Corn Exchange, Leeds (45), shows some boldness of conception, or, rather, adaptation of a Huge oval ground-plan. With two rows of round-headed windows, divided by a string-course, and having a parapet above a poor cornice, upon which are deposited certain clock-faces with adious and lumbering wreaths about them, there is nothing in this design which properts us from is nothing in this design which prevents us from is nothing in this design which prevents us from thinking that it is large without dignity, and poor without simplicity.— Photographs of Interior of Chancel and of Revedos, Church of St. John's, How-sham, Yorkshire (46), by Mr. G. E. Street. In the first, though looking a little heavy, there is solemnity and dignity; the second is robust and rich. By the same is Design for proposed rebuilding of a Grummar School (1). With the massed roofs, mainly square-headed windows and general simple likely there is much repose and simple dignity. plicity there is much repose and simple dignity of character. The exterior of the Church at Howsham (61) deserves notice and study for its solidity of character, and a well-designed and pretty angle turret.—All Saints' Church, Parsonage House and Schools, now in course of Erection at Denstone, Staffordshire (185), is admirable for grouping.—The Church of St. Paul, Wymering, Hants (230), as being built under the direction of the last-named architect, although small and unpretending, is highly satisfactory in its reserved simplicity. This is, to our mind, the most artistic design in the Exhibition; no other work showing such success Ethibition; no other work showing such success in economy of decoration or grave massing: great degance and dignity have been obtained.— Photographs of two Mediæval Tablets (53), designed by Mr. E. Richardson, are both commendable: the circular one particularly so.— Torquay National Schools (114), by Mr. E. Appleton, are elegant and simple.—No. 134 shows a group of works by Mr. C. Gray—churches and meriors with street fronts, styled A Professional Consus, 1854 to 1864, which are mostly good. , on the

haron rate four door. Fine-Art Gossip.—M. Joubert has perfected a shaft are species of transferring photographs to glass, which the whole we desire cordially to recommend, being persuaded its is styled that so useful and elegant an application of the new and termitat will attain great popularity. It will deserve y desirable to succeed, not only on account of its cheapness,

for we get by it a perfect and unfading picture at little more than a common photographic print on paper, but the innumerable applications of the new system to interior and exterior deco-ration. By this process we have before us several examples of admirable and perfect trans-fers of elaborate views of natural localities indelibly fixed on to the glass itself,—defying time and weather if fixed in the open air,—which may be cleaned as readily as a common window-pane,—do not interfere with the transmission of light to any not interfere with the transmission of light to any marked degree,—while, employed as such, they effectually serve the purpose of shutting out dis-agreeable views,—miseries we are subject to in London, in such situations as staircase-windows and the like. Fixed in the sashes of a library, these ornaments would give a great repose and exclude external sights, and, judiciously selected by the inhabitant, might fitly sustain the character of the inhabitant, might fitly sustain the character of the apartment by presenting views of famous localities or portraits of famous men. What an imperishable gallery of friends' likenesses might not a man gather upon his window-panes,—what elegant and appropriate fittings for the glass shelves of his choice book-case! No doubt this process may be as admirably applied to other purposes; but as it is, the power of getting a photograph of one's own transferred to glass for a trifle and without risk is really an enviable one. By the side of the hall does how much better these there the recent hall-door, how much better these than the poor, commonplace ground glass, or even the etched glass that is now so much in vogue. How appli-

glass that is now so much in vogue. How applicable to a summer-house, or the lower panes of a conservatory these may be we need not say.

Mr. Desanges has added several new pictures to his Victoria Cross Gallery. The air of dashing execution and effective rendering, which carries away the spectator's applause at once, and to some extent needs a cooler judgment to value truly, is still apparent enough in the majority of these additions; although, we are bound to say, that in others the better means of quietude of design and colour seem to have been wisely sought after, and to a considerable extent quietude of design and colour seem to have been wisely sought after, and to a considerable extent obtained. With one exception let us reserve our remarks for these. The exception is the picture now numbered 10, recording an act of gallantry on the part of Major Charles John Stanley Gough, 5th Bengal European Cavalry. The event before us took place in the interior of a house where the rebels had taken up a profitor and been disloyed by had taken up a position and been dislodged by several European officers. The manner in which Mr. Desanges has represented the occurrence is highly creditable to his power of making complinighty creditable to his power of making compli-cated pictorial arrangements for murder. Capt. Hugh Gough, one of the attacking party, is down on his back, while a rebel chops at, but will not hit him. The gallant Major whose heroism forms the subject of the picture is cutting at the native, who has thus two antagonists; for the Captain, though overthrown, is still pugnacious. To these enters from behind a second rebel, who, to judge by his expression, must be swearing fearfully as an irate cat. He is sword in hand, and is somewhat hastily pistolled by a third hero. Here are all the elements of clap-trap fit to reproduce at a transportine theatre. We are not surprised that such things "draw" a certain class of people to look at them; but how did the artist induce brave men to let their courageous actions be brought before the world in this manner? The execution of this picture is characteristically coarse, dauby and staring. It is our impression, that the number staring. It is our impression, that the number of works wherein dandy heroes are represented pistolling ferocious rebels, with the calm air of gods, is diminished. It is well it should be so, or Mr. Desanges will take rank but little above Madame Tussaud in critical estimation.—No. 18 is a large picture, showing how Lieut. John Grant Malcolmson came to the rescue of Lieut. Grant Malcolmson came to the rescue of Lieut. Arthur Moore, through a crowd of Persian soldiers, at the Battle of Kooshab, 1857. This is a less meretricious production; still, all parties glare at nothing. There is no consent in their actions; beyond the attitude, nothing expresses the subject's story. Three Persians in sheep-skin shakos press forward, bayonet in hand, while in comes hastily the rescuer, a "ladies' delight" of a warrior. We wonder if the brave man is really so

oiled and curled. He has a very short arm, and a very long sword. The soldier to be delivered stands over his horse—a broken sword in one hand, and a revolver in the other.—No. 16 may be called a genuine work, allowing for the general character and scope of the Exhibition. The Assistant Magistrate of Patna, Ross L. Mangles, Esq., is seen carrying off a wounded soldier of the 37th Regiment, though himself badly wounded. He has him pig-a-back. The actions of both are well designed; their expressions characteristic and good.—In No. 18, where Colour-Sergeant Henry Macdonald, B. E., is seen directing the formation of a sap, and repulsing an attack of Russians at Sebastopol, there is also some intention and modesty. The colour is repulsing an attack of Kussians at Sebastopoi, there is also some intention and modesty. The colour is horrid. Some of these pictures reach actual humour, horrid. Some of these pictures reach actual humour, so absurdly unconsidered are they. — Assistant-Commissioner Kavanagh is being disguised by his companions, in No. 35, before making that famous expedition through the rebels at Lucknow. His round English face and blonde whiskers will inevitably betray the good comrade before he is a yard from the Residency. This cannot be a portrait.—There is more good composition and common sense in No. 42, where Dr. J. Jee and Assistant-Surgeon Valentine M'Master are distinguishing themselves, than in any picture in the whole Gallery. We commend the like to Mr. Desanges' future practice.

The statue of St. George slaying the Dragon, by Mr. J. R. Clayton, has been placed on the column in the Broad Sanctuary, Westminster. Many of our readers may not be aware that this column consists of a highly decorated plinth of Gothic consists or a highly-decorated plinth of Gothic form, sustaining a polished red granite shaft, banded about midway of its height with a richly carved belt; above are hung the shields of the "Old Westminster" scholars, officers who fell in the Crimean war, of whom Lord Raglan was the chief. A cap of white stone surmounts this, carved with A cap of white stone surmounts this carved with foliage, upon which again is raised the immediate pedestal of the statue. We doubt much if the public will care for the design of the St. George; to our minds there is a want of vigour in the actions of both Dragon and Saint. We would have actions of both Dragon and Saint. We would have had the former rearing up against the knight's breast with outspread wings, as if he were a dan-gerous antagonist; as it is, the poor animal looks somewhat beneath the notice of the champion, who could kick him out of the path with ease. On the whole, however, there is little doubt that the distant general appearance of the column and statue will be picturesque, and therefore pleasing.

The sum of 1,000l. has been devoted by the Legislature of Tasmania for the erection of a monument to the memory of Sir John Franklin at Hobart Town, on the site where stood the house in which he resided as Lieutenant-Governor of the colony, that edifice being removed for local improvements.

We call attention with pleasure to a very beau-tiful and ingenious skylight, which may be seen at Waterloo House, Cockspur Street, covering in a show-room of that establishment; this was designed show-room of that establishment; this was designed by Mr. Coutts Stone. It rises, spanning the space to be covered in, about 25 feet, in a semicircle; the bars holding the glass, which is cast and semi-opaque, go diagonally from side to side, crossing each other at right angles, therefore the openings are coffer-like and diamond-shaped; the bars are flat, and have a kind of stud ornament at their intersections. The result is extremely elegant.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, EXETER HALL.—Conductor, Mr. UOSTA.—FRIDAY, April 12, Beethoven's GRAND SCHOOL OF THE SACRED STREET, SERVICE in D.—Principal Vocalists: Madame Sudersdorff, SERVICE in D.—Principal Vocalists: Madame Sudersdorff, SERVICE in D.—Principal Vocalists: Madame Santon-Dobby, Mr. Sims Revers, and Mr. Lewis Thomas.—Tickets. 34, 55, and 102, 6d, each, at the Society's Office, No. 6, in Exeter Hall.

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M. SAINTON has the honour to announce a series of FOUR CHAMBER CONCERTS to take place at his own Residence, No. 5, Upper Wimpole Street, on the following WEDNESDAY) Evenings, April 24, May 15, 29, and June B. To commence at Half-past Eight clock.——And June B. To commence at Half-past Eight clock.——In the concern the control of the commence at Half-past Eight clock.——In the control of the commence at the control of the commence at the control of the commence and the control of the commence and the control of the

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. — In July last we spoke of the liberal revival of 'Le Prophète,' and of the singers who took part in the performance. They are the same in 1861 as in 1860; and the magnificent spectacle, which was new at the close of last season, is in all its freshmess a sight not to be missed by any one fond of stage-pageantry.—The orchestra and chorus are in all their splendour; now rivalled by none in Europe. Signor Tamberlik seemed to us, on his entry, to have lost some power,—possibly, however, it was a case of reserve at the commencement of a part more than usually trying. Molle. Csillag was no more satisfactory this year than last; applying to every effect an amount of force, the result of which is merely to make want of finish apparent. Mdlle. Corbari was less competent than last year; which is saying little indeed:—the duetts suffer greatly from her inefficiency and want of execution.—The theatre was very full.

Vocal Association. — Wednesday evening's Concert contained some excellent music very well performed. Mendelssohn's Psalm, "Hear my prayer," is a boon when an orchestra is dispensed with. The solo was beautifully given by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington,—M. Lemmens taking the organ part. Here let the occasion be taken to say, that this gentleman is one of the finest organists whom we have heard for many a day,—showing that combination of quiet solidity and execution to which only few who attempt the instrument attain — Miss Ward (piano) and M. Sainton (violin) were the other sole players.—A separate word of praise is due to Miss Augusta Thomson, who improves rapidly; her voice seems to have developed itself since her arrival in England; and her execution is firm and brilliant. The brawna from M. Auber's last opera, 'La Circassienne,' well deserved its encore, not because of any merit in the music, but because it was exceedingly well sung.

NEW ADELPHI .- On Monday Mr. Webster produced a new Easter piece, in the shape of a version of the long and elaborate drama of 'L'Escamoteur.' by MM. D'Ennery and Dugué, under the title of 'Magloire, the Prestigiator,' with an evident purpose of reviving the kind of interest which was once so strongly produced by the trials and sorrows of the mountebank Belphegor. The plot in the case of the new piece is, however, of more complex sort, and involves more stage machinery than was required by the old. The accessories and adjuncts are perhaps more ostentatiously introduced, and take up too much time;—but, though a little over-laid in this respect, the general effect is powerful, and worked up to more than one climax of strong interest, though we fear the final tableau is not the most satisfactory. We could have wished the story had been less ingenious, and the result less conven tional. Those who recollect Mr. Webster in 'Bel-phegor' will be prepared to witness a triumph in his peculiar style of art in 'Magloire.' to his appearance, however, there is a long, and we think unnecessary, prologue, in which the previous action, happening seventeen years before the real business of the piece, is dramatically gone through. As such action is afterwards detailed in dialogue, this preliminary act might obviously have been spared. The real action of the play retraces the Belphegor' ground with tolerable accuracy. The chief magician is accompanied by his imp, who literally gets more kicks than halfpence, and is

represented by Mr. J. L. Toole with his usual vivacity and humour. After exhibiting at a fête in the Park of St.-Germain, Magloire is tempted by an offer of a large sum to personate the father of Cecile (Miss H. Simms),—the supposed daughter of Count D'Arcy (Mr. Billington). The young lady is a changeling, having been substituted for the Countess's dead child, as the only cure for her mental aberration under the pressure of over-whelming sorrow; and now stands in the way of the tempter, Jules Lanières (Mr. David Fisher), the rightful heir to the estate. Magloire accepts the bribe, and gets the necessary documents establishing his identity. Though sorely tried in his conscience and in his feelings, he goes through with the fraud, and removes the poor girl to his own domicile, where a revelation is made which changes the current of his motives and actions. He discovers that he is really the father of Cecile, her mother having left him within six months of their marriage and died without his knowing that she had borne a child. The letter of the dying woman reveals some cruelties of which he had been guilty, but of which he repents, and so receives his daughter's pardon. This discovery so attaches him to Cecile that he begins to entertain a "paternal palousy" of the family by whom she has been preserved and educated; and it is not until he perceives that her life depends on being restored to them that he willingly parts with her. He then denounces the nefarious conduct of Jules, whom he compels to quit Paris, and altogether denying his own paternity of the girl, takes his leave with a broken heart. The necessity for this self-immolation is not apparent. The noble family had already repeatedly expressed their willingness to receive Magloire into the house as a friend, notwithstanding his profession, and the supposition that they, with his daughter, would now permit him to withdraw for ever from their vicinity under a mistaken notion of conventional propriety is inconsistent with all the antecedents of the drama. The one point of merit in the piece is the conversion of Magloire from the pretended to the real father;and the burst of passion that the revelation elicits was so powerfully realized by Mr. Webster as to electrify the house. The subsequent scenes besides were very pathetic, and evidently impressed the audience with a favourable sentiment in behalf of the drama, and the curtain fell to unanimous ap-

LYCEUM. - Mr. Samuel Lover's play of 'M'Carthy More; or, Possession Nine Points of the Law, which had been so long delayed on account of Mr. John Drew's illness, was produced on Monday. The title reveals the plot, which indeed is very simple. M'Carthy, having suffered attainder, on his return to his country finds his property in possession of powerful opponents; and takes measures with an humble ally, *Darby Sullivan* (Mr. John Drew), ex-trooper and waiter at the Black Bull, to expel the intruders. Accordingly, More personates Dean Swift, and invites Sir Peignory Pip to the Black Bull, to consult on the plot of a romance, which Sir Peignory, a man of literary taste, is engaged in composing. His entire family and servants are induced also to follow, by the report that the Dean has wickedly poisoned him. Meanwhile Solomon Gripe is wiled away by a young lady who is a cousin of M'Carthy, and for whom the said Solomon has an unconfessed attachment. A clearance being thus effected, Darby Sullivan enters the castle triumphantly at the head of the peasantry. Mr. Drew acted with his usual humour, and the new piece was successful. It was followed by a second new drama, entitled 'New Year's Eve; or, the Belle of the Season,' — in which a milliner's apprentice takes the place of the "Traviata," without however the guilt of the "Lady of the Camelias," in a series of scenes which are parodies of the original works. The heroine, here named Rosalie, was personated by Miss Matilda Heron, who shows stage-talent; and her mistress was admirably well caricatured by Mrs. Winstanley, who, as Mrs. Bobinette, highly amused the audience, equally by the size of her person and of her appetite, which is never satisfied.

STRAND.—Mr. H. J. Byron has given to these boards a new burlesque, entitled, 'Aladdin; or, the Wonderful Scamp.' Ingenious, full of puns, and well aided by scenery, the extravaganza was well received, and promises to become popular.

HAYMARKET.—Mr. Buckstone has revived 'The Miller and his Men.' The scenery, painted by Mr. Fenton, is magnificent, and Sir H. Bishop's music is given with all its original effect. It is capitally well acted, also,—and commanded on Monday the plaudits of an over-crowded house.

Musical and Dramatic Gossir.—Let us remind every one interested, that Herr Molique's 'Abraham' is to be given at Exeter Hall, on the 17th, with all completeness. The singers will be Mesdames Lemmens-Sherrington and Sainton-Dolby, Messrs. Sims Reeves, Wilbye Cooper and Santley.—Herr Molique will conduct his own Oratorio; which, we may repeat for the benefit of those who did not hear it at Norwich, is well worth hearing. It is said that it may be shortly performed at Liverpool.

The Three Choirs will meet this autumn at Hereford. They intend to perform 'Elijah,' 'The Last Judgment,' and a part of 'Samson,' Haydn's "Spring,' from the 'Seasons,' Mozart's 'Requiem,' and 'The Messiah'; and, among other concert music, Mr. Benedict's 'Undine.'—The artists engaged are Mdlle. Tietjens, Miss L. and Miss S. Pyne, Mrs. Weiss, Madame Sainton-Dolby, Mr. Sims Reeves, Signor Giuglini, and Messra Weiss and Winn.

The solo singers, on whom devolves the arduous task of carrying through Beethoven's 'Missa Solennis' on Friday next, are Mesdames Rudersdorff and Sainton-Dolby, Messrs. Sims Reeves and Lewis Thomas.

Classification seems the order of the day in our entertainments.—M. Halle is about to give a series of chamber concerts, which are to be exclusively devoted to Beethoven's pianoforte Sonatas—thirty-two in number. Something like this, it may be recollected, was done for the master's stringed Quartetts by the late Mr. Alsager. Here a mistake may be corrected, which, by its being often repeated, may become matter of history. The later Sonatas of Beethoven have not been heretofore so utterly unknown in England as those resolute to exaggerate the already sufficient claims of a favourite pianist have been pleased to state. Some of them were introduced by Prof. Moscheles.—Mr. Sloper has played from them, and also M. Halle, ere others "followed suit," and wisely, in taking them up.—M. Sainton announces a series of four chamber concerts.

'The Amber Witch,' with its new cast, was successful at Drury Lane on Monday last. Mr. Tully

replaces M. Halle as conductor.

Madame Miolan-Carvalho has arrived in London, as also M. Faure.—The two sisters Marchisio, who have been announced, are not now, we perceive, coming to England at present. At this no one accustomed to first-class Italian singing need be disappointed. These young ladies, whose raimerit seems to us to lie in a few passages for two voices well practised, have not, apparently, been able to sustain their place at the French Opera.—There, by the way, we fancy something might be made of Herr Niemann as a tenor, though the purpose for which he was imported from Germany has signally failed.—While talking of German tenom in Paris, it may be added, on private authority, that a new singer having an excellent voice of that quality, trained in the Conservatory at Vienna, has arrived in the French capital,—and after a hearing was on the spot secured by M. Calzado, of the Italian Opera, for a term of years.

A concert of parts inging, in aid of the Hullab Fund, is to be given at York on the 16th, by Dr. Monk, whose efforts at reviving a taste for music in the cathedral town appear to be attended with

On Thursday week "the great excitement," as Mr. Smith designates the delights of his Alhanbra singing-hall, was enhanced in a manner not under taken for by his programme, by a frightful accident to one of the flying people, who have for some time

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past been attempting the gymnastic feats of M. Léotard, in Paris. The victim was not killed on the spot by his fall, as for the moment was supposed, but it is feared that if he lives, it may be for an existence of decrepitude, if not bodily torture. Has our legislature, which makes prize fights and attempts at suicide objects of its care, no restrictive power over excitements like these?

Among new pianists arrived in London, may be mentioned Signor Carlo Andreoli, brother to the deceased pianist of that name, whose graceful

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The predilection of particular publics for particular works has been signally shown in the Easter music of London and Paris. When our neighbours desire to be penitential they do not get beyond the 'Stabat' of Signor Rossini.—Here, 'The Messiah' and, at the Roman Catholic Chapels, Mozart's 12th Mass, have had "the call." Wherefore the last work, one of Mozart's most unsubstantial, not to expressly compositions has revised its alleger. work, one of recovery most unsubstantial, not to say feeble, compositions, has retained its popularity here, is among the mysteries of amateurship. We have the following from our Correspondent

at Leipsic:—"The Concert season here is now con-cluded. Since the New Year the following new works have been produced: Overture to 'Aladdin,' by Capellmeister Reinecke; overture to 'Macbeth' by Capellmeister Reinecke; overture to 'Macbeth' and a chorus from the same opera, by Herr Taubert; and an overture to 'Hamlet,' by Gade. Herr Reinecke's overture is a charming work, fresh, graceful and beautifully scored.—We have heard on the violin Herren Kömpel, Strauss, Bargheer and M. Lotto. The last artist, still very young, is a pupil of the French School. The universal verdict is, that since Paganini no such 'wonderful' player has been heard.—At the 'Euterpe' Society, Dr. Liszt's overture and choruses to Herder's 'Promethers Bound' and the overture and a selection from List's overture and choruses to Herder's 'Prome-theus Bound,' and the overture and a selection from Herr Wagner's 'Tannhäuser,' have been performed. I do not find that this school grows upon one. In performing the work the 'Euterpe' has uninten-tionally done good service. The actual hearing of these compositions has disenchanted several who these compositions has disenchanted several who had believed that they were disciples of the sect.—
The 'Riedelscher Verein' has given a very interesting concert. On the Fast-day it performed Bach's 'Passion according to St. John.' Besides the 'Great' 'Passion according to St. Matthew,' for double chorus and orchestra, Bach is said to have composed a 'Passion' for single chorus and orchestra according to each of the four Evangelists; of these, only the one according to St. John is now extant. It is true, that at Berlin the manuscript of one, according to St. Luke, which used to be attributed to the Leipsic Cantor, is preserved in the library, but it is now generally supposed to be by library, but it is now generally supposed to be by some other composer. The 'St. John's Passion' is on a much smaller scale than the 'Great Passion,' but it contains many genuine beauties. The short choruses of the Priests, People, Disciples, &c., are very dramatic; the chorales are exquisitely harmonized; some of the airs are very fine, and when sung by good and intelligent singers cannot fail of makperceive, by good and interigent singers cannot tail of man-ing a great effect upon the hearers. Of course, the inevitable obbligato accompaniments are there, but they are less distractingly obtrusive than in many of Bach's works. The main drawback to this, as well as to the 'St. Matthew's Passion'—conneed be ose real s for two been able —There, been able to the company the length and the tediousness of the recitatives, be made of appose for in the 'St. John's Passion,' even the words upoken by Christ, to which in the 'Greater' work the violins are added, have only the violoncellos accompany them. However, it is a work well to accompany them. However, it is a work well be glad to hear that a selection of 'Forty Songs'—to for each voice—taken from his various oratometric of the selection has been elited by Robert Franz, who has arranged the accompaniments for the piano."

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from report, in some degree partaking of the character of the ancient Mysteries; for the 'Angel of Midnight,' whom our neighbours have not shrunk from placing on the stage as Protagonist, is none other than Death.—One might have fancied such a presentment impossible, save among a people unacquainted with awe, sorrow, or the dismay of horogyoment

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M. Gounod's 'Faust' is about to be produced at the Opera-house in Vienna.

Madame Ristori has appeared as Beatrix in a new French play by M. Legouvé, at the Odéon Theatre with every possible success. Of this we may be able to speak more in detail.

The name of a new Italian opera, 'Shakspeare,' composed by Maestro Benvenuti, appears in the forestorn journals.

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Staudigl died on the 24th of last month, aged fifty-four—the greatest German singer whom the past quarter of a century has seen. It is noticeable that his peculiar voice—a sound, strong, extensive bass—has always "grown" (as is said of plants) greatest, both as to quantity and perfection, in North and South Germany:—but his distinction was, that he could turn that voice to fullest account everywhere, save in opera in Italian.

There he failed; where countrymen of his, in every musical requisite his inferiors, have succeeded. Staudigl entered into life, if we mistake not, as one destined to take monastic orders. His intellect had failed him some years prior to his decease. As a hearty, genial man, a great musician with a noble voice (for whom, by the way, Mendelssohn wrote the part of Elijah), kindly farewell and regret are

The Building News devotes a paragraph to sundry new mechanical contrivances of M. Barthélemy, ory new mechanical contrivances of M. Barthelemy, of Nancy, in improvement of the lighting and scenic arrangements of theatres. He professes to be able to raise or sink the entire stage, or part of it, at a few moments' notice, and to bring about transformations of the greatest complexity with an ease and rapidity impossible under the old system. -While we are talking of theatre building, it may be told that the site of the new Opera-house in Paris is to be as originally fixed on, purchases of land having been made so as to afford sufficient space for the building, its surroundings and approaches on the amplest scale.

MISCELLANEA

John Locke.—In your article on 'Somersetshire Worthies,' the name of Clarke is spelt without an e. Edward Clarke, of Chipley Court, was connected by birth with the Clarkes of Honiton, some of whom now reside at Taunton, and others at the Devon and Cornwall Bank, at Devonport; in fact, the relationship is direct. Locke's great work 'On the Understanding, was written at Chipley Park, and dedicated to Edward Clarke, Esq. Chipley Park lies between Wellington and Milverton; the fine old mansion is destroyed, but not the fine old road which leads to the mansion, which looks fine and grand now, though neglected; there are many and grand now, though neglected; there are many old fine trees there, and the place is well worth a visit, though dismantled of its mansion. When Edward Clarke was on his deathbed he sent to two of his relatives, who were proud and foolish tradesmen of Honiton, wishing to see them; they declined to go, so it is said, because he would not declined to go, so it is said, because he would not send his carriage. The property then, after E. Clarke's death, got by some means into the hands of a gentleman called Nutley, of Milverton, who never slept in the house or would remain there by himself; he did not enjoy the property, and there are plenty of reports about why he did not. However, at his death it fell into the hands of E. A. Sandford, Esq., of Nynehead Court, for many years the beloved and popular Member for West Somerset, who lost his seat by advocating the alteration of the Corn Laws, and who, it is to be hoped, will long live to enjoy it. Locke's birthplace was at Wrington, where the house in which he was born can still be seen. These particulars of the place where the great man's great work was written may be interesting to your readers.

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